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ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I. O. #1215; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. #1238; M. M. EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE Kidnapping.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS <p>Investigation at 8461 Blackburn Avenue, Los Angeles, shows that Louise Wonderlich has resided in vicinity several years; divorced husband is auto race driver; whereabouts unknown. Mail tracings furnished Chicago office. No record of registration of Chevrolet Coupe, motor #4135350, belonging to J. A. Orhood. Telephone calls from Hammond, Indiana, to Los Angeles and San Diego, Calif., checked. Los Angeles phone DUnkirk 7776, April 1933, was in name of Miss Mae Bartow; check of same non-productive to date. Mrs. Owen B. Carter left Phoenix, Arizona, for Chicago October 19, 1934, selling her Pontiac automobile before she left. Cover placed on mail of Wyatt Winters, Hollywood, Calif. Henrietta Campbell gave some family history of Harry Campbell. Efforts being made to locate sister of Kate Barker, and contact with Mel Vosburg has been maintained without additional valuable results.</p>			
REFERENCE: <small>DETAILS</small> Report of Special Agent C. J. Endres, Los Angeles, 10-15-34; Report of Special Agent J. H. Kenney, Omaha, 10-20-34; Letter from Inspector S. P. Cowley dated October 27, 1934; Letter to the Chicago office, from L. L., dated 10-30-34; Report of Special Agent Paul Hansen, Okla. City, 11-16-34.			
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DETAILS:

The following information was obtained from investigation to date in 8461 Blackburn Avenue, Los Angeles, to ascertain from whom a letter received at Chicago may have originated. It was ascertained from BOB HENSHOT, mail carrier out of the La Brea Station, Los Angeles Post Office, that these parties were getting mail at this address: SUSIE METTS; ELOUISE WONDERLICH, mother of Susie Metts; and Miss or Mrs. LILLIAN HILL.

A 1928 Chevrolet Coupe, 1934 California license 734658, was being driven by Lillian Hill, and from the license tag number it was ascertained that this car was registered in the name of Susie Metts, 422½ Spaulding Avenue, Los Angeles. It was later ascertained that Mrs. Metts and her daughter, Eloise Wonderlich, had lived at 422½ No. Spaulding Avenue before moving to the 8461 Blackburn Avenue address about two months ago. A cover was placed on the mail of these parties and the following mail tracings have been received:

MRS. LILLIAN HILL, 8461 Blackburn Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., Sun., Jan. 1, 1935.

MISS LILLIAN HILL, same address; return 3520 Valencia Blvd., Sacramento, Calif.

MISS LILLIAN HILL, same address, 1111 12th, Berkeley, Calif.

MISS LILLIAN HILL, same address; return, Lorraine Newman, 1020 37th St.,

Sacramento, Calif.

MRS. LILLIAN HILL, 3520 Valencia Blvd., Sacramento, Calif.; return, The

return, The Berkeley, postmarked New York City.

MISS LILLIAN HILL, Blackburn address; return Room 10, Merritt-Jones Hotel,

187 Marine Ave., Ocean Park, Calif.

MRS. LILLIAN HILL, same address; return, 1400 25th St., Sacramento, Calif.

MRS. ELOUISE WONDERLICH, same address; return, 1000 Main St., and Building

Insulation, 2626 Sidney St., Louis, Mo., and 1000 Main St., Louis.

MRS. ELOUISE WONDERLICH, same address; return, 1000 Main St., Louis.

None of the above letters were typewritten; therefore, no tracings were made. Those which contained handwriting were traced, and the tracings are being sent with this report to the Chicago Division office. No mail has been received by MRS. SUSIE METTS to date.

MRS. JOE WATTS, 111 So. Croft St., Los Angeles, telephone Wyoming 5790, stated that she managed the apartment house at 8461 Blackburn Ave., Los Angeles, for about one year, until November 1, 1934. She stated that MRS. SUSIE METTS, ELOUISE WONDERLICH, and LILLIAN HILL rented the apartment at 8461 Blackburn Ave. from her about six weeks ago and that Mrs. Wonderlich paid the rent for one month, and the second month's rent was not due when she, Mrs. Watts, left that place. She stated that she did not know the relationship between Lillian Hill and the other two women. She stated that Mrs. Metts and Mrs. Wonderlich came to her place from Ocean Park or Venice, Calif.; that she understood that they had spent the summer at the beach, and that she understood that Lillian Hill came from San Francisco, Calif., and that she worked at the Republican headquarters for a while; and that she, Mrs. Hill, got work of some kind at the Central Casting Company, where she is working at the present time. She stated that she understood that Lillian

Hill has been married but is separated from her husband; that she does not know where he is or what he does; that she received a fur coat by express from San Francisco about November 1, 1934. It will be noted in this report that she received a letter with a return address of Livingston Brothers, San Francisco, which may be the place of origin of the fur coat.

She stated that she understood that Louise Wonderlich works as a stenographer and bookkeeper at the Lincoln-Ford Agency in Hollywood, Calif.; that she is about thirty-five years of age and is separated, and perhaps divorced, from her husband; that she does not know his first name and does not know where he is now located; that she has heard her say that he was a professional auto race driver.

She stated that these women had some men friends, but that she had not seen anything of a suspicious nature about their company coming and going. She was shown the photograph of KATE BARKER and the pictures of the Barker-Karpis gang, and she stated that she had not seen anyone about there who resembled these parties.

MRS. E. D. ALBRIGHT, 424 North Spaulding Avenue, Los Angeles, was interviewed and stated that Mrs. SUSIE METTS and her daughter, MRS. LOUISE WONDERLICH, rented an apartment from her at 422½ Spaulding Avenue about two years ago, and left her place about last March and went to reside at the beach, either at Ocean Park or Venice; that Susie Metts is about sixty years of age and while she lived at her place she worked at a drug store on Western Avenue, but that she did not know the name or the location of the drug store. She stated that she understood that Mrs. Wonderlich secured a divorce from her husband while she lived at her place. She stated that she did not know Wonderlich's name; that she never saw him and does not know where he is now; that Louise Wonderlich works at the Maddox Auto Company, Lincoln & Ford dealer, in Hollywood. She stated that she considered Mrs. Metts and Mrs. Wonderlich fine people and that Mrs. Metts has a sister, name unknown, who is a teacher at the Laurelhurst school.

She stated that she had heard Mrs. Metts say that she had come from Denver, Colo., many years ago, and that she had worked in drug stores to support herself and her child, Mrs. Wonderlich, since she was five years of age.

She stated that she knows nothing about Lillian Hill except that Mrs. Metts has told her that Mrs. Hill is boarding with her; that she has never seen the Hill women; that when they lived at her place Mrs. Metts had a gray Chevrolet Coupe, and Mrs. Wonderlich had a Ford Coupe. She stated that she had heard them say that Wonderlich was an auto race driver, but that she had not seen him and knows nothing of his present whereabouts.

In the report of Special Agent J. H. Kenney, Omaha, Nebraska, dated Oct. 20, 1934, a lead was set out to endeavor to locate record of registration of 1934 Chevrolet Coupe, motor #4135550, serial #1-DAO-313359, Iowa license number 77-34648, registered in the name of J. R. ORHOOD. On October 24, a letter was addressed to the Division of Motor Vehicles at Sacramento. A reply was received stating that said office had no record of said car, and that a stop order has been placed in their files and that the Los Angeles office will be notified in case this car should be presented for registration.

A telephone call was received from Inspector S. P. Cowley, and a letter referring to same dated November 5, 1934, to the Los Angeles Division office, relative to a telephone call which had been placed from the telephone of WILLIE HARRISON at Hammond, Indiana, on April 12, 1933, to RAY GREEN at Dunkirk 7776, Los Angeles. Investigation at Los Angeles shows that telephone Dunkirk 7776 in 1933 was in the name of Mrs. MAE BARTOW, 312 South Westlake Avenue, and that in March 1934 the number of the telephone at that same address was changed to Eltaroy 7776 and still remains in that name (Mrs. Mae Bartow).

A. J. AMON, the mail carrier on this route, was contacted and stated that Mrs. Bartow has lived in this address to his personal knowledge for the past eight years, and that she receives considerable mail from many places. He stated that Ray Green has recently been getting mail at this address and that he has delivered to said address three letters during the past three weeks for Green; that he has never seen Green to his knowledge; that he has merely delivered the mail for him to said address.

Never has been placed on the mail of MAE BARTOW and RAY GREEN at said address, and the matter of ascertaining the identity of RAY GREEN will be given close and special attention. This place is a large rooming house of about ten or twelve rooms, and is in a fairly respectable neighborhood.

Special Agent E. J. Geahan of the Los Angeles office made investigation of the telephone call which was placed by the same parties at Hammond, Indiana, to MAIN 3725, San Diego, Calif., and ascertained that said telephone number is the number of the Savoy Cafe at San Diego and has been for several years; that this is a large and popular cafe and one of the best in the city. He ascertained that the telephone company has no record of calls this far back; that Mr. CARL MARLAND, proprietor of the cafe, did not recall the name of WILLIE HARRISON, and searched his payroll record of employees through the year 1933 in an effort to locate such a name among his fifty or more employees without result. He stated that he would remember any employee who had been with him for any length of time, and that he did not remember anyone by the name of WILLIE HARRISON.

Referring to the report of Special Agent C. J. Endres, Los Angeles, dated October 15, 1934, copy of which was furnished to all offices, Agent Endres made further investigation at Phoenix, Arizona, and on October 17, 1934, the Chicago office had reported that the 1934 Pontiac Sedan, bearing Wisconsin license 537631, was registered to WENNA CARTER, Appleton, Wis., motor #1045636, serial #891274; and 1929 LaSalle Sedan, motor #419194, was registered to Mrs. JOHN T. McCANN, 1016 E. McDowell Road, Phoenix, Arizona, title #236514, Arizona license #47ZS.

Through JOHN D. LOPER, Superintendent of Grade Schools, it was ascertained that WENNA CARTER, daughter of O. B. CARTER, was in the seventh grade at the Kenilworth school, home address 515 E. Port and St.; that O. B. Carter had taken golf instructions from FRANK MADISON at Phoenix in October 1933, and Carter told Madison that he had recently sold his interest in a drive-yourself concern in Chicago. They also obtained the information that on September 29, 1934, O. B. Carter was at 227 West College Street, Appleton, Wis., and that John T. McCann

could be contacted through MRS. JOHN BOACH, JR., 802 South Story Street, Appleton, Wisconsin.

Agent Endres also obtained the information that Mrs. MONTY CARTER, 515 East Portland St., Phoenix, Arizona, had received a letter with a return address of MRS. WYATT WINTERS, 1823 North Vine Street, Hollywood, California.

Special Agent Findley, the writer, contacted the Superintendent of Mail, C. R. ARMSTRONG, and carrier FRANK VALNEY, and was advised that Wyatt and Mrs. Wyatt WINTERS have been getting mail at this address since about June 1934; that this address is the Vine Lea Apartment house, being quite a large place. They advised that the place was managed by Mr. and Mrs. KELLOGG. A thirty-day cover was placed on their mail and results obtained will be reported.

Agent interviewed PEARL KELLOGG, Vine Lea Apartments, Gladstone 7869, Los Angeles, under pretent, and she stated that Mrs. and Mr. Wyatt Winters and a four-year-old son came to her place in June 1934; that Wyatt Winters is tubercular and does not do anything; that they have informed her that they came from Davenport, Iowa, to Tucson, Arizona, for his health; that she did not hear them talk about Phoenix; that his father is H. E. WINTERS and he lives at Davenport, Iowa, and is engaged in the electric-sign advertising business there, and that the father sends Wyatt Winters a check every month, and this seems to be their sole support, as neither Mr. nor Mrs. Wyatt work; that they seem to have no acquaintances in Los Angeles, as no one calls on them except parties whom they have met about the apartment house. Mrs. Kellogg stated that they seemed to be very quiet and nice people; that they do not have a car and are living very modestly, and in fact have borrowed a few dollars for a few days until his check would come. She described him as:-

Name	Mr. WYATT WINTERS
Age	27 to 30 years
Height	5' 7 or 8"
Weight	135 lbs.
Build	Slim and sickly
Eyes	Blue and fair.

She described Mrs. Winters as follows:-

Age	About 25 years
Height	5' 4"
Weight	115 lbs.
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Blond; reddish
Characteristics	Nice looking and dresses well.
Children	Has boy four years old.

It was ascertained by Agent Endres at Phoenix, Arizona, that MRS. OWEN D. CARTER and her two children were leaving for Chicago and would arrive there on the morning of October 22, 1934, on the Grand Canyon Limited, Santa Fe Railroad. This information was transmitted to the Chicago office by telephone and by telegraph.

Special Agent Endres, at Phoenix, Arizona, interviewed Mrs. J. T. McCANN, 926 West Latham St., in accordance with telephonic instructions, and letter from Inspector S. P. Cowley dated November 14, 1934, relative to OWEN B. CARTER. Mrs. McCann stated that she first met the Carters in Phoenix in October 1933, and they became friends due to the fact that they had children of about the same age, and later the Carters visited them in Appleton, Wis., and that the Carters spent the summer at Lake Winnebago, Wis.; that she again met them in September 1934 at Phoenix, Arizona.

It was ascertained that Mrs. Carter and the two children left Phoenix on October 21, 1934, for Chicago, which fact was communicated to Chicago by wire.

It was ascertained that Mrs. Carter sold her car to WALTER DAVIS before she left Phoenix, on October 20, 1934.

Among the effects left by Mrs. Carter was found a business card of "Frank Stein & Company, Exclusive Women's Apparel, 123 Church Street, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, Telephone 647", and also a letter code which was forwarded to the Chicago Division office.

He also learned from FRANK MADISON that Mrs. Carter had not heard from her husband and had decided to go to Chicago; that when Mrs. Carter came to Phoenix on September 30, 1934, she brought with her one JOE WILLIAMS, about 25 years old, 5' 9" tall, weighing about 135 pounds, with sandy colored hair; and a girl about 25 years old, whom she introduced as her nephew and niece, respectively; that they remained a few days and then left Phoenix.

It was learned that Mrs. Carter sold her Pontiac Sedan, bearing Wisconsin license, on October 19, 1934, to C. B. WALL at Phoenix, for \$575.00. Mrs. Carter told Mrs. McCann that she was returning to Chicago, stating that she had heard from her husband only once since her arrival in Phoenix. Mrs. Carter took with her the two children—a boy thirteen and a girl ten—and a white Mexican shepherd dog. All of this information was communicated to the Chicago Division office by telephone and wire.

MRS. HENRIETTA CAMPBELL, 535 Compton Blvd., Compton, Calif., informed Special Agents Bott and White of the Los Angeles office that her husband, CLELL CAMPBELL, a brother of subject HARRY CAMPBELL, had deserted her and their two children, and that she has not heard from him since October 25, 1933. She exhibited the last letter which she received from him, and it stated that he was going to the desert as he believed it would be good for his health. She stated that she had not seen Harry Campbell for about four years, at which time she was visiting her sister, MAYTA CAMPBELL, who is the widow of SAMUEL CAMPBELL, a brother of Harry Campbell; that this was at Casper, Wyoming, and at that time subject Harry Campbell was working for the Midwest Oil Company at Salt Creek, Wyoming.

She further stated that subject HARRY CAMPBELL has a sister PEARL working for the Jacobs Mercantile Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and that Pearl wrote her in August 1934, wanting to know where Clell Campbell was; that she knew that Clell and

Harry Campbell have always been close friends; that subject Harry Campbell has a former wife, "BILLIE", who used to be at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and that he also had a former wife, "MICKEY", at Casper, Wyoming; and that Mickey has a small daughter by the name of EULABE, and that she believed that Pearl would know something about "Billie", "Mickey" and "Eulabe".

MEL VOSBURG was interviewed by Special Agents Bott and White of this office on October 1, 1934, but obtained no additional information from him. He promised that he would endeavor to get additional information and would furnish whatever information he could get from his mother and father. On Nov. 16, 1934, Special Agents Sackett and this Agent endeavored to contact him for further interview and learned that he had moved from 1049 East 6th Street and had left no forwarding address. His new address has been ascertained to be 1443 Hellman St., Long Beach, Calif., and he works for CHARLES MOIST, motorcycle repair shop, 1132 West Ocean Ave., Long Beach. He will be interviewed again by Special Agent B. E. Sackett within the next day or two.

Referring to the report of Special Agent Paul Hansen, Oklahoma City, dated Nov. 16, 1934, giving information relative to a sister of KATE BARKER, MRS. LOUIE (OPHIE) HENNEBURG, Los Angeles, Calif., a check has been made and thus far no information has been found which fixes the identity of this party. The daughter of Mrs. Henneburg, MRS. EARL (OKEEMA) REYNOLDS, has not been found. There are four EARL REYNOLDS in the City Directory, but no one with a wife named "Okeema". Further investigation is being made to fix the identity of the correct Earl Reynolds and to locate MRS. LOUIE HENNEBURG, and a report will be made of the results.

The other sister of KATE BARKER - MRS. MELVIN VOSBURG, Long Beach, Calif., is the mother of MEL VOSBURG with whom the Los Angeles Office has been in contact for several months, and everything possible is being done to get information of value from Mel Vosburg, as appears above in this report.

ADDENDUM: - By Special Agent B. E. Sackett

The investigation was conducted at 8461 Blackburn Ave., Los Angeles, where the subject resided. The subject was interviewed and gave her return address, which tracings bore some similarity to the handwriting of KATE BARKER. As shown in this report, only SUSIE METTS, ELOUISE WONDERLICH, who is probably separated from one of the Wonderlich sons residing in Chicago, and MRS. LILLIAN HILL, reside at this address. The Chicago Office was notified of this on Oct. 30, 1934, and the necessary investigation in Chicago relative to Eloise Wonderlich has probably been conducted.

Special Agent Findlay and Acting Agent in Charge Sackett saw MRS. SUSIE METTS and it was definitely decided that she does not bear any resemblance to the photograph of KATE BARKER. No further investigation will, therefore, be conducted at 8461 Blackburn Ave., unless the Chicago Office develops facts indicating that Mrs. Metts or Eloise Wonderlich are in a position to have some information with respect to any of the subjects in this case.

Acting Agent in Charge Sackett contacted MELVIN VOSBURG at Long Beach, Calif., on the evening of Nov. 21, 1934. Vosburg stated that he had not seen his mother for three weeks and that he absolutely has no further information of value in connection with this case. He stated that while he knows his mother has a sister named OPHIE, who is married to one LOUIE HENNEBURG, he has not seen Ophie for about nine years and has not heard his mother mention Ophie. Vosburg is of the opinion that Ophie Henneburg moved from Los Angeles some time ago.

Vosburg also knows that Mrs. Henneburg has a daughter named OKEEMA, who is married to one EARL, last name unknown to Vosburg. So far as Vosburg can recall, Earl (no doubt Earl Reynolds) worked in some hotel several years ago, but he does not know the present whereabouts of Okeema and her husband.

Vosburg agreed to call at his mother's home on Nov. 22, 1934, and attempt to ascertain the present residence addresses of Ophie Henneburg and Mrs. Earl (Okeema) Reynolds, and to communicate with Acting Agent in Charge Sackett as soon as he ascertains this information.

Melvin Vosburg further stated that due to the fact that he has never seen either of the BARKER BROTHERS or KATE BARKER and is such a distant relative of theirs, he could not obtain any information of value with respect to these individuals through his contacts with members of the Barker family because he has not come in contact with any members of the Barker family since he was about eight years old and, therefore, does not know them at all. He ventured the opinion that his mother, as well as her sister, Mrs. Louie (Ophie) Henneburg, is thoroughly disgusted with Kate Barker and would have nothing whatever to do with her. He believes this is also true of all of Kate Barker's relatives. He is certain that His mother has not heard from Kate Barker or the Barker boys, either by letter or through any other source, since they left Long Beach, Calif., after a short visit in the early part of 1933. Vosburg, however, promised to talk to his mother on Nov. 22, 1934, to ascertain as much general information as he could with respect to the Barkers, particularly whether she knows of any relatives who are in communication with Kate.

Vosburg expressed the belief that even though his mother, and probably Mrs. Henneburg, had no use whatever for Kate Barker, she would not willingly cooperate with this Division in effecting the apprehension of Kate and her sons, because after all both women are related to the Barkers and would not knowingly cause the apprehension of their kinfolk.

Close contact is being maintained with Vosburg and it is believed he will cooperate to the fullest extent.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

ALL OFFICES RECEIVING COPIES OF THIS REPORT should conduct such investigation in their districts as the facts may warrant.

LOS ANGELES OFFICE: The leads mentioned in this report for the Los Angeles District are being investigated as rapidly as possible and a report

showing the results of said investigation will be submitted promptly.

PENDING

P. O. DRAWER 1457,
St. Louis, Missouri.

November 24, 1934. 7-576-

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

In re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1218.
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O.1219.
MUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I. O. 1218.
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.1222,
et al - Edward George Bremer, Victim.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Referring to Chicago Division office letter of the 23rd inst., regarding the above captioned matter, please be advised that Miss Mackey, stenographer of the St. Louis Division office, again telephoned Harrison's home at 44539 Gibson Ave., telephone Franklin 2975, and the telephone was apparently answered by the father of Harrison. To inquiries regarding the whereabouts of Willie Harrison he advised the last time he was here he did not advise as to his destination, but he believes Willie is in Chicago. Miss Mackey endeavored to ascertain whether she could write to Willie Harrison and the father stated he did not know where she could write to him as he did not know where he was in Chicago, but he usually came home to St. Louis around the holidays.

Respect to the matter of mail covers, contained mail covers have been placed on all mail going to the Harrison address and up to all letters have been local matters and no tracing has been resorted to for indicating at all that Harrison has written to the family.

As you have been previously advised, Special Agent Buchanan is now living next door to the Harrison home and if Willie Harrison again comes back to St. Louis I believe we have arrangements perfected whereby he can be apprehended.

The angle covering the interview with William E. Brown at Springfield, Ill. will be covered at an early date.

Very truly yours,

H. E. VETTERLI,
Special Agent in Charge.

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INSPECTOR
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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Little Rock, Arkansas
November 23rd, 1934

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Mr. S. P. Conley, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. 1212,
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. 1213,
WILLIE GLEASON, with aliases, I. O. 1214,
DR. JOSEPH MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - VICTIM

KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of November 20th,
1934, regarding WILLIAM J. HARRISON, please be advised that
inquiries have resulted in information to the effect that the
Oaklawn Park Race meets at Hot Springs, Arkansas, beginning
on February 2nd, 1935.

Appropriate investigation will be conducted
at the Race Track and other places at Hot Springs, Arkansas
and vicinity, subsequent thereto.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY,
Special Agent in Charge

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2000 BANKERS BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Special Agent in Charge
St. Louis, Missouri.

November 24, 1934

Dear Sir: In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1210;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1210;
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. 1210;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1210;
et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREWER, Victim
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-6

Reference is made to letter from the Jacksonville Division office, dated November 6, 1934, a copy of which was furnished your office, relative to the arrest of William E. Brown with aliases, reported to be a friend of Mike Curley, Miami, Florida.

It will be noted that Mike Curley is reported to be a close contact of subject William J. Harrison.

The letter of reference sets forth the information that Brown's wife is a very close friend of Mike Curley and is said to have financed him when he started business at Miami, Florida. The letter states that Brown is in custody of the United States Marshal of Springfield, Illinois.

It is suggested that Brown be interviewed for any information he may have in his possession concerning the present location of William J. Harrison.

Reference is also made to the report of Special Agent in Charge F. E. Vetterli, St. Louis, Missouri, dated 10/15/34, covering investigation at St. Louis, Missouri, concerning the relatives of Harrison. On page two of this report, paragraph three, it will be noted that a stenographer of the St. Louis office telephoned the home of Harrison's parents at 4539 Gibson Avenue, telephone Franklin 2973, and asked for Willie Harrison. The report shows the woman answering the phone advised "Willie is in Havana".

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It is suggested that this procedure again be followed in attempting to locate Harrison. The Bureau's office to advise the local post office to advise the mail received by Harrison's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Harrison, Missouri. Investigation at Hammond, Indiana, former residence of Willie Harrison, indicates Harrison is somewhere in Florida or Cuba. It is extremely important that Harrison be located at the earliest possible date, due to the fact that he undoubtedly knows the location of the hideout in this case and is possibly with some of the subjects of this investigation at the present time.

Very truly yours,

S. P. CORLEY,
Inspector.

KDB:MC

cc-Division
St. Paul

Los Angeles, California
November 20, 1934

Mr. Henry B. Price
Postmaster
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sir:

Re: L. A. File 7-42

We are very anxious to locate certain parties who may communicate with Wyatt Winters or any member of his family living at

123 North Vine Street
Hollywood, California.

I would appreciate it very much if you will place a cover on all first-class mail coming to the above address, and furnish this office with tracings of same.

I would also appreciate it if you could advise the location of certain, if possible, the place of employment of the members of the Kinters family.

Thanking you for this cooperation, I remain

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNN
Special Agent in Charge

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, ET AL
Edward George Bremer, Victim
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1900 BANKERS BUILDING,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

November 22, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Butte, Montana.

Dear Sir: In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 12101;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 12101;
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. 1213;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232;
et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREWER, Victim
KIDNAPING - CHICAGO FILE NO. 7-82

Reference is made to your letter dated November
19, 1934, advising that only one copy of the report of
Special Agent R. D. Brown, Chicago, Illinois, dated
November 12, 1934, was received at your office.

There is attached hereto a copy of this report
which was inadvertently retained by the Chicago office.

Very truly yours,

S. P. COLEST,
Inspector.

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NOVEMBER 23, 1934

MR. W. HANNI
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

November 22, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
St. Paul, Minnesota

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. 1818;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O. 1819;
RUSSELL COBSON with aliases, I. O. 1815;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I. O. 1822;
or ALVIN EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

On November 17, 1934 a letter was received at this office from the Lake Villa Trust and Savings Bank, Lake Villa, Illinois, stating that they had received from one of their depositors a Federal Reserve Bank note No. 100063295A on the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. It is believed that this may be one of the \$10.00 ransom notes in the Bremer case. The list of ransom notes shows one No. 100063295.

The letter accompanying the list of ransom notes states that all of the bills are Federal Reserve notes, United States notes and National Bank notes. This would seem to preclude the note found by the Lake Villa Trust and Savings Bank, which is a Federal Reserve Bank note, from being one of the ransom notes, but the similarity in numbers leads me to inquire whether the note listed is a Federal Reserve note or a Federal Reserve Bank note.

I have been informed by Mr. Roberts of the Federal Reserve Bank in Chicago that the star bills are used to replace faulty or misprinted notes, and that it is possible to have two notes outstanding by the same number with the exception that one of them has a star, as in this case.

Will you please inform me whether note No. 100063295 is a Federal Reserve note.

Very truly yours,

S. P. COWLEY
Inspector

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
Post Office Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
November 23, 1934

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Personal and Confidential

Director,
Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219; RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. 1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; ET AL: EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - Victim - Kidnapping.

Dear Sir:

Referring to my letter dated November 14, 1934 concerning the activities of [REDACTED], a confidential informant in the above matter, please be advised that [REDACTED] was contacted by Special Agent John B. Little at Guthrie, Oklahoma on November 2, 1934. At this time, [REDACTED] had no additional information of value to offer. He stated that he had furnished George Dufek, referred to in my letter, with \$10.00 for the purpose of making a trip to contact the Barkers. [REDACTED] was unable to ascertain whether such contact, if any, was made, but he is certain of the fact that Dufek traveled 352 miles on the night of November 21, 1934.

[REDACTED] is of the opinion that he can obtain no further information of value in the vicinity of Perry, Oklahoma and has received information through Dufek that contact will be made at a later date at either Dallas or El Paso, Texas. [REDACTED] is of the opinion that he may as well leave Perry, Oklahoma and I have instructed him to remain there for another week at the expiration of which time, in the event he has obtained no further information of value, he will be furnished with transportation for his return to El Paso, Texas. His services as a confidential informant will therefore cease on November 29, 1934 in the absence of any instructions to the contrary from the Division.

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Very truly yours,

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

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DAWIGHT BRAWLEY,

Special Agent in Charge

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

FORM NO. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT St. Paul, Minnesota

St. Paul FILE NO. 7-30

REPORT MADE AT: St. Paul, Minn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 11-23-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10/6 to 11/15/34	REPORT MADE BY: J. B. Brennan
ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. 1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1234; stale EDWARD GEORGE BREWER, Victim		CHARACTER OF CRIME: KIDNAPING	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: No forwarding address left at Hayward, Wisconsin for MR. and MRS. OWEN B. CARTER. J. M. MULHERAN, Minneapolis, unable to furnish any definite information regarding this case. Previous record of VIRGINIA SIMES with aliases obtained from St. Paul Police Department. MRS. HARRY SAWYER endeavored to obtain statement from St. Paul surgeon regarding her mental condition as result of operation. DAVID WEINSTEIN, St. Paul, carried notes for MRS. SAWYER. He denies knowledge of her whereabouts. PHILIP CLAUGHERTY, associate of HARRY SAWYER, denies knowledge of SAWYER's whereabouts. Hideout not located through investigation in McHenry and Cook Counties, Illinois.			
REFERENCE: DETAILS:	Report of Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, 11-19-34 The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. B. Matney of this office: At Hayward Wisconsin		
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3-Division 1-Detroit 2-Chicago 1-Omaha 2-St. Paul 1-Denver 1-Cincinnati 1-Los Angeles JEB:IM COPIES DESTROYED	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7576-3447 BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	RECORDED AND INDEXED: NOV 27 1934 CHECKED OFF: DEC 4-1934 JACKETED: ROUTED TO: <i>PA</i> FILE: <i>PA</i>

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Agent interviewed MR. JAMES RAY ALEXANDER, Postmaster, at Hayward, Wisconsin who examined the files in his office and stated that there had not been a forwarder address left for either OWEN BERNARD CARTER or his wife during the past three years. The records in the postoffice at Hayward were also checked to ascertain whether or not a postoffice box had been held by either of these parties, but no information was secured. MR. ALEXANDER suggested that it was possible that these people had mail forwarded general delivery and then called for it at the window. Subject GE ZEIGLER was also checked along this line, but no information was secured. Picture of the DILLINGER and KARPIS-BARKER file were shown the postoffice employee who have delivered general delivery mail, but no identifications were made.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent R. P. Moonan on November 3, 1934;

Reference is made to letter to the Attorney General by JOSEPH M. MULHERAN, 1619 Glenwood Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, dated February 18, 1934, which letter was forwarded to the St. Paul Division Office. This letter makes an opening statement that "the Bremer family was caught in a machine made by their own hand", and refers to the connection between the BREMER family, Governor Olson, and Walter Magoo.

MR. JOSEPH M. MULHERAN was located at 1619 Glenwood Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and there interviewed. MR. MULHERAN is a cripple, a hunchback; is 37 years of age, and is now working for the S.E.R.A. under a Mr. Zimmerman, the employment being an active position in the clothing department at a salary of \$20.00 a week. MR. MULHERAN stated that he was in the candy jobbing business in Minneapolis for ten years, until 1931, but has been in no permanent business or employment since that time. He stated that he knows most of the city hall and court house employees, and also many State officers and officials of the Farmer-Labor party. He also advised that he operated a roadhouse known as Gleason's Inn for a period of three years, operating this for his brother-in-law, the roadhouse being located at the junctions of State Highways 5 and 62. It was through the operation of this roadhouse, he stated, that he got considerable information concerning the underworld, as he often heard discussions at this roadhouse concerning underworld activities in the Twin Cities.

With reference to the letter forwarded to the Attorney General under date of February 18, 1934, MR. MULHERAN advised that he could not prove anything therein but knows that his statements are true. He claims to have led the fight for Joseph Moonan, now Democratic State Chairman, and also claims to be friendly with F. M. O'Neil, 3952 Bryant Avenue, South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, former Democratic State Chairman. MR. MULHERAN advised that O'Neil is now an insurance salesman for the John Hancock Life Insurance Company in Minneapolis, and knows the various connections between the politicians and the underworld, but it is doubtful if he would give any information concerning his knowledge of these.

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Previous to prohibition, MR. MULHERAN stated that the BREMERS had all the near beer business in the Northwest. As a result he stated that there was much alcohol to dispose of, and that LEON GLECKMAN, reputed underworld leader in the Northwest, got this alcohol and sold it. MULHERAN stated that he could not prove this but had overheard it discussed at the above roadhouse which he operated.

He also advised that Governor Olson will "jump" for only one man that he knows of, and that is LEON GLECKMAN. He claims to have seen this worked out on one occasion, but advised that he would be unable to substantiate his statement. He also stated that there was some connection at the present time between GLECKMAN and the BREMER family, but he had never heard just what it was. He advised that WALTER MAGKE is the go-between for the BREMERS and Governor Olson. He made the statement that the BREMER family is close to the present administration, referring to the fact that they at one time had 53 banks in the Northwest; that many were closed, and that they, the BREMERS, received large sums of money from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. He claims that MAGKE has obtained plenty of favors in the State for the BREMERS, but in turn received much in the way of favors in allotting work for his, MAGKE'S, construction company.

MULHERAN further stated that Governor Olson, as County Attorney in Hennepin County about 1926, prosecuted six aldermen successfully on charges of graft, only a few aldermen escaping sentence at that time among those who were tried. This was his successful start for Governor, according to MULHERAN, although he had run for Governor in 1924 and was defeated. When he was elected Governor it was only a short time, according to MULHERAN, before Olson pardoned these aldermen, as well as many hoodlums and gangsters.

MR. MULHERAN also made the statement that Mr. Endreus was set up as Democratic candidate for Governor in 1930 by the BREMERS but that BREMER in fact supported Olson. Endreus, he claims, later was given a job in the Rural Credit Department of the State under Governor Olson.

Referring to the above letter and the statement that Olson now "has passed them by", MULHERAN stated that the BREMERS really made Olson, but since writing this letter he claims to have learned that Governor Olson and the BREMER family are very friendly again.

With reference to the actual kidnaping of EDWARD G. BREWER, MULHERAN stated that he knew nothing concerning it, only thought that it might be the outgrowth of the BREWER family's association with politicians and their apparent catering to gangster trade in their banks.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent J. B. Brennan, November 12, 1934.

Referring to the fingerprints of VIRGINIA SIEMEN, alias JACQUELINE VOGELSON, and aliases, examination of the records of the St. Paul Police Department disclosed the fingerprint card of this person, showing arrest by the Milwaukee Police Department, April 3, 1934. The correspondence file of the St. Paul Police Department showed that on December 14, 1933, a newspaper dispatch emanating from Toledo, Ohio, was carried in a local St. Paul paper, including a photograph of this person, relating to her detention at Toledo, Ohio, and stating that she was an amnesia victim. On December 17, 1933, Mrs. W. H. Braunig of 150 Poplar Street, St. Paul, communicated with the St. Paul Police and advised that this woman had roomed at her home three years previous to this date and had come back on August 4, 1933, to take a nurse's examination at the University of Minnesota; that her name was VIRGINIA SIEMEN and her address was 4101 Potomac Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Investigation by the St. Paul Police disclosed that this woman was employed at the St. Paul and Gillette Hospital as a maid during August and September of 1930; that she was a friend of one Irene Ghesquin who lived with Mrs. Braunig at 150 Poplar Street, St. Paul, and who also identified the photograph as that of VIRGINIA SIEMEN. Mrs. Braunig stated that she received a letter from this woman in May of 1933, wherein she stated that she was employed at the University of Illinois H & E Hospital, at 819 West Polk Street, Chicago, Illinois, and was staying at 4101 Potomac, Chicago.

This information was communicated to the Toledo, Ohio, Police Department and a letter dated January 8, 1934, was received from that Police Department stating that by reason of the cooperation afforded them by the St. Paul Police Department, the woman had been identified as VIRGINIA FRANCES SIEMINSKI, whose mother is MARTA KOZLOWSKI, 1500 Lincoln Street, North, Chicago, Illinois, and whose sister is MRS. JOSEPH TRAPPA, 1246 North Karlo Street, Chicago, Illinois, and who later resided at 4101 Potomac Street, Chicago, Illinois. This woman was, on January 2, 1934, returned to Chicago, Illinois, in custody of an attendant. She at that time stated that she feared that she was being shadowed by gangsters and

because of this endeavored to conceal her identity. Further communication was received from the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Police Department, under date of April 5, 1934, to the effect that this woman had been found wandering on the street in Milwaukee, and had been booked on a charge of vagrancy, and fingerprints were submitted by the Milwaukee Police Department as referred to above. Information as to her identity was communicated to the Milwaukee Police Department by the St. Paul Police Department and no disposition was given as to the charge of vagrancy upon which she was arrested at Milwaukee.

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From time to time interviews were had with DR. HENRY HALL, Lowry Medical Arts Building, St. Paul, during which he referred to one EDWARD JOHNSON of 1603 West 7th St., St. Paul, Minn., as a possible contact for the Subjects in this case, concerning which:

The following memorandum is submitted by Special Agent R. N. Franke:

On October 11, 1934 this agent was asked by Special Agent D. L. Nicholson to check with the St. Paul Police Department to determine if they have a criminal record of one EDWARD JOHNSON, living at 1603 West 7th Street, who is about forty years old.

Agent checked the 1934 St. Paul City Directory, which disclosed that an EDWARD L. JOHNSON, wife's name MARGARET, resides at 1603 West 7th Street; that his occupation is a salesman.

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However, they have six EDWARD JOHNSONS listed in their old gallery, which goes back prior to 1922. The descriptions on these records are according to the old Bertillon measurements, as fingerprints were not started at the St. Paul Police Department until 1923. Agent did not check these six names as he did not have a description of the EDWARD L. JOHNSON in question.

RNP:ACF

Agent Pranke further ascertained at the Drivers' License Bureau, 1279 University Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, that a Driver's license, # S405306, was found for one EDWARD LAWRENCE JOHNSON residing at 1607 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. This application is undated but bears the signature of MR. JOHNSON and contains the following information:

That he has lived at the above address for fourteen years; that he was born November 18, 1873; that he is sixty years of age; weighs 145 pounds; white race; is five feet, eight inches tall; has grey hair; blue eyes; that he is retired; and has operated a motor vehicle for five years.

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[REDACTED] was contacted on October 25, 1934, at which time he stated that he had not had an opportunity to get any information since the last interview. He stated that he had been unable to contact VIVIAN MATHEWS owing to the fact that she was immediately arrested after having been released from prison. He stated that he felt sure if he had an opportunity to talk to VIVIAN that he could get all the information in her possession as he knew that she trusted him entirely. [REDACTED] further stated that he was thoroughly in accord with the efforts of the Division in this case and that he would willingly cooperate in the future. Incidentally, he stated that he did not know the members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang, but had heard VIVIAN MATHEWS speak of the BARKERS. Interview with [REDACTED] should be treated in absolute confidence.

DR. HENRY HALL above referred to informed Special Agent J. E. Brennan that a MRS. ALICE V. CONRAD of 601 South 9th St., Minneapolis, Minnesota, with whom MRS. HARRY SAWYER had been staying, had called at his office and requested him to prepare a signed statement that she, MRS. CONRAD, had been employed by DR. HALL as a nurse, and that she had informed the Doctor that she wanted this document as she feared that she might be charged with harboring a fugitive should it become known that MRS. SAWYER is staying with her. DR. HALL stated that he had advised MRS. CONRAD to call at the St. Paul Division office and notify the Agent in Charge of her relationship with MRS. SAWYER, as he would not make any such written statement as she had requested.

MRS. CONRAD called at the St. Paul Division office and advised that she had returned to Minneapolis with MRS. SAWYER on October 18, 1934; that MRS. SAWYER received a telephone call from an individual, named DAVE, and MRS. SAWYER then left MRS. CONRAD's in a Chevrolet Coach, engine number 2029084, serial 21AD 76,236, bearing Minnesota 1934 license B89155, painted tan with orange wire wheels.

MRS. CONRAD stated that she knew nothing further about DAVE and has not heard from MRS. SAWYER since that time. MRS. CONRAD stated MRS. SAWYER had requested her to transfer title of this car to MRS. SAWYER under a fictitious name but that this has not been done; MRS. CONRAD informed Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd that she would advise him if she obtained any additional information regarding MRS. SAWYER.

Special Agent J. E. Brennan ascertained at the Kennedy Chevrolet Company, 600 South Seventh Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, that on October 6, 1934, this company sold a Chevrolet Coach, bearing engine number 2029084, serial number 21AD76, 236 to ALICE V. CONRAD, 601 South Ninth Street, Minneapolis. This was a cash transaction. The car is painted tan color, with orange wire wheels; Minnesota license B89-135 was issued to Alice V. Conrad at the above address on this car for 1934. This is the car which is now in the possession of MRS. HARRY SAWYER.

DR. HALL was further interviewed on October 24, 1934, and related that he had received no recent information concerning the present whereabouts of MRS. HARRY SAWYER; that a MRS. LEWIS whose husband is serving a life sentence in a penitentiary, and who is now known as MRS. EMILY GORDON of 1704 Schaeffer Street, St. Paul, telephone number Emerson 3621, and who is living at this address with JOHNNIE GORDON, is in touch with MRS. SAWYER. He further stated that MRS. GORDON is associated with the JOHNSON on 7th Street in St. Paul, and is also connected with the Woodbine Country Club at Duluth, Minnesota. He stated that he will be in Duluth sometime the latter part of this week and will endeavor to secure some information from the Woodbine Country Club. He further stated that he has received information to the effect that HARRY SAWYER has procured the Packard Sedan, his property, which was being kept at the JOHNSONS on 7th Street.

On November 6, 1934, DR. HALL called at this office and advised that EMILY GORDON had been to see him on this date, and had stated that HARRY SAWYER was desirous of getting in touch with him in order to make full payment on the bill which is owed to him; further, that efforts were being made on behalf of SAWYER to obtain affidavits indicating that MRS. SAWYER was not competent to make a statement at the time she was in custody. DR. HALL advised that he informed EMILY GORDON that so far as he knew she was competent and that he would not be in a position to furnish other information; that the records of the hospital would show that she had an operation, but not such an operation as would render her incompetent. DR. HALL further stated that he advised EMILY GORDON that he would be glad to contact HARRY SAWYER at any time that he desired to see him. The Doctor was requested by Special Agent in Charge Ladd

to go ahead with efforts to contact SAWYER and to fully advise this office concerning same. DR. HALL stated that in the event he secured any information or was requested to contact SAWYER, he would keep the contact and would thereafter immediately advise this office concerning the whereabouts and future plans and any other information he would be able to obtain from SAWYER. It is the opinion of DR. HALL that SAWYER is contacting JOHNNY GORDON at the Woodbine Club in Duluth, Minnesota, and this is further substantiated by the fact that EMILY GORDON has advised that she is returning to Duluth over the weekend for a few days.

DR. HALL further advised that it is rumored that in the event it is not possible to obtain the affidavits indicating MRS. SAWYER to be incompetent that the gang intends to "bump her off".

On November 7, 1934, DR. HALL called at this office and advised that EMILY GORDON was taking a letter from him to HARRY SAWYER; that he did not know how she was going to dispose of this letter, whether same would be mailed or delivered personally to SAWYER. However, that he did know that she was leaving St. Paul on the morning of November 8, 1934, for the Woodbine Country Club, Duluth, Minnesota, which club is operated by JOHNNY GORDON, her husband. The Doctor exhibited the letter and an affidavit which he had prepared for HARRY SAWYER concerning the operation which he performed on MRS. SAWYER in the early part of this fall, and in this affidavit it was noted that the Doctor stated that he had removed MRS. SAWYER's ovaries and that as a result of such an operation in a woman of her age, approximately 57 years, the results would be an extreme nervous and mental condition. The Doctor requested advice as to whether he should submit these letters, stating that he believed that if he furnished them to SAWYER that he would have a meeting with him at a later date and that he would furnish all details to this office. The Doctor was advised that it would be permissible for him to send such an affidavit as he was sending if it reflects the true facts concerning the operation which was performed.

The above information was telephoned on the evening of November 7th to Agent Anderson at Duluth, Minnesota, and he was instructed to arrange with the Deputy Sheriff in Duluth to cover the Woodbine Country Club on November 8th and subsequent thereto, if necessary, in an effort to cause the apprehension of HARRY SAWYER. He was also instructed to avoid any possible publicity in connection with the apprehension in the event same was effected. Likewise, he was instructed to obtain a record of all long-distance calls to the Woodbine Club for the past two or three weeks.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent John J. Anderson:

On Saturday night, October 13, 1934, Agent proceeded to the Woodbine Country Club owned and operated by one JOHNNY GORDON, a former St. Paul character. The Woodbine is located about ten miles from the downtown section of Duluth, Minnesota, just outside of the city limits of Duluth. It is north of Duluth and about one-quarter mile west of the North Shore Drive. The Woodbine is operated by GORDON with the assistance of one FRANK SCHAEFER. Both these men were at the Woodbine on the above evening. The Woodbine is the only night club in the vicinity of Duluth of any importance and same is rather small. The place was well patronized on the above evening and same has the reputation of being well patronized most of the time. It also has the reputation of being patronized by people who can afford to pay a fair price.

Although Agent was at the Woodbine for about three hours, no one that might resemble or answer the description of HARRY SAWYER was seen. GORDON runs a roulette wheel and other gambling games at the Woodbine as a general rule, but on the above evening the gambling room was closed. Agent ascertained from one of the patrons at the Woodbine, name unknown, that there was no gambling being done at the Woodbine at the present time owing to the fact that an election campaign was on and that there would probably be some "heat" from the sheriff's office if gambling was conducted openly.

The gambling room is on the second floor at the Woodbine. There are also a number of small rooms on this floor. Agent was able to observe the interior of several of these rooms but nothing of importance was discovered. They seemed to be occupied by entertainers.

The Woodbine is patronized by men and women, who usually come together for the purpose of dancing, dining and drinking. From agent's examination of the place it does not appear to be a very likely place for anyone to hide out as it is too public.

Inasmuch as the Woodbine is outside the city limits of Duluth, agent interviewed ED HANSON, chief deputy sheriff, Duluth, and he advised that it was his opinion that anyone such as HARRY SAWYER would not stay at the Woodbine as the accommodations were not such that anyone could hide out at this place. Hanson advised that one of the special deputies of St. Louis County, GEORGE STEVENSON, who is engaged in the butter and egg business at Duluth, and who has a large income, frequents the Woodbine about three or four times every week; that STEVENSON is absolutely reliable and that he will have STEVENSON be on the watch while at the Woodbine for any information that SAWYER frequents or is frequenting this place, and will report any information to the St. Paul Division office.

Outside of the main building there is a cottage which is vacant at the present time and three small buildings that are about the size of a single garage.

Special Agent J. E. Brennan interviewed WALTER MAGEE, the lawyer managing this case, regarding his signing a bond for PHOENIX DONALD alias WILLIAM WEAVER alias CLARENCE LUCAS when arrested in St. Paul in 1933. MR. MAGEE stated that WILLIAM WEAVER was arrested by the St. Paul Police Department on August 3, 1933 in company with one COLTON in a tavern operated by HARRY SAWYER, at which time a pistol was found on WEAVER's person; that HARRY SAWYER telephoned to ADOLPH BREMER, who, in turn, got in touch with MAGEE and made an appointment to meet him at the police department; that at that time it was explained to MAGEE that there was no evidence against WEAVER, and pursuant to request of MR. BREMER, he signed a \$500.00 bond for MR. WEAVER, which was subsequently forfeited. It was later learned that WEAVER was on parole from the State of Oklahoma, having been convicted on a charge of murder. MAGEE stated that he did not see WEAVER on the occasion of his arrest and when the photograph was exhibited to him, he stated that he had never seen this person.

On November 11, 1934, DOCTOR HENRY HALL communicated with the St. Paul Division office and stated that DR. GEORGE EARL of the Earl Clinic, Lowry Medical Arts Building, St. Paul, had received a communication from GLADYS SAWYER requesting that DR. EARL prepare an affidavit regarding her condition as the result of an operation previously performed on her by DR. EARL. Special Agents S.L. Fortenberry and J. E. Brennan interviewed DR. EARL and he stated that he had operated on MRS. SAWYER while she was a patient of DR. HALL, at the request of DR. HALL, who did not do major surgery; that as she was not his patient and he had nothing to do with her immediately following the operation, he would not be qualified to make any statement regarding her condition as a result thereof; that the not above referred to had been delivered to him by some person unknown to him, who stated that he would return for the answer on the following day. Arrangements were made whereby DR. EARL would point out the individual who called for the above note to the above referred to agents when he called at DR. EARL's office, stating that he might possibly ascertain where MRS. SAWYER was located.

On November 12, 1934, while Agents Brennan and Fortenberry were at the EARL CLINIC, Dr. Hall telephoned the St. Paul office and advised Special Agent in Charge Ladd that PHILIP CLAUGHERTY, an associate of HARRY SAWYER, was then in his office and that he was going to take him to a dentist's office in the Lowry Building. Special Agents Coulter, Noonan and Duffey were directed to cover the Lowry Building. A man who gave his name as D. STEIN called at the Earl Clinic for the above referred to statement and was pointed out to Agents Brennan and Fortenberry by Dr. Earl. These agents took a position across the street from the entrance to the Lowry Building and by coincidence STEIN took the same elevator in the Lowry Building as did CLAUGHERTY and when leaving the building, CLAUGHERTY was taken into custody by Agents Coulter, Noonan and Duffey, not knowing that STEIN was the person under surveillance by Agents Brennan and Fortenberry. Finding him in conversation with CLAUGHERTY, STEIN was questioned as to his identity, at which time he handed Agent Coulter a business card showing him to be DAVE WEINSTEIN.

manager of the OLD VIENNA RESTAURANT, 356 Minnesota Street. He was thereupon released and CLAUGHERTY was taken to the St. Paul Division office, where he was questioned by Special Agents Duffey and Coulter, and stated that he left St. Paul the later part of May or first of June of 1934, and proceeded by freight train to Yellowstone National Park, where he remained a week looking for work; that he then went to Spokane, Los Angeles, Oakland, San Francisco, Ogden, Cheyenne, and Kansas City, Missouri, where he remained two days, then went to St. Joseph, Missouri and back to St. Paul; that he always stopped at transient camps and other charitable organizations, including the Salvation Army and the Welcome Hand at Kansas City; that he did not give his correct name and did not remember any of the names he used; that he returned to St. Paul in July, 1934, and went to Duluth, Minnesota, and two or three days later went working on a highway construction until the middle of September under JOE THORNTON of the THORNTON BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY of St. Paul. He made about \$25.00 per week and lived at ALBERT HATIE's, in the 1800 block on North Lake Avenue, Duluth, and he obtained this job through one HAIDER, a bookkeeper of the Thornton Bros. Construction Company; that he never knew HOMER VAN METER under that name, but that a man who he knew as WAYNE frequented 543 or 545 Wabasha Street, St. Paul, during the summer of 1933, where he (CLAUGHERTY) was employed by PAT REILLY as a bartender. WAYNE was accompanied several times by a girl known as MICKEY. CLAUGHERTY identified a photograph of MARION COMFORTI as this girl. He stated that he did not know any one in particular that WAYNE associated with and did not know that this WAYNE was VAN METER until he had seen VAN METER's photograph. He stated that he has known PAT REILLY practically all his life, they having attended St. Vincent's grade school together, but emphatically denied having delivered any money in any amount to REILLY or anyone else or that he delivered four super .38 Automatic pistols to REILLY or anyone else on the day prior to the shooting at Little Bohemia in April, 1934, or any other date. He denied having seen HARRY SAWYER since two or three days before he (CLAUGHERTY) was arrested in the first part of April, 1934. He stated he knew HARRY SAWYER, GLADYS SAWYER, CHARLES FISHER, OTTO SCHRICK, EDDIE GREEN, TOMMY CARROLL, TOMMY and CLARA GANNON, EDDY GOW, and a big fat fellow named BILL ERICH, whose is now employed by Armoura or Swifts in South St. Paul, and who lives in the vicinity of the State Capital. He also knows DOLORES DELANEY, PAT REILLY, CLARENCE COLTON, TOM FILBIN, and OPAL MILLIGAN. He denies that he had ever met LESTER GILLIS, HELEN GILLIS, FRED or ARTHUR BARKER, VOLNEY DAVIS, HARRY CAMPBELL, ALVIN KARPIS, JOHN HAMILTON, FRED GOETZ, FRANK NASH, JOHN CHASE, TOM KIRWIN, BILL WEAVER, MONTY CARTER, EDDY JAMES and only knew HERB WILDES by sight. He was held at the St. Paul Division office until the following day and no further information could be obtained from him. His photograph and fingerprints were obtained and forwarded to the Division.

It was noted on the business card of DAVE WEINSTEIN, above referred to, that on the reverse side it contained a pencil notation "Fed. Brennan". WEINSTEIN was brought to the St. Paul Division office and information obtained from him was set forth in a statement which he refused to sign, which statement is quoted hereinbelow:

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"Saint Paul, Minnesota
November 13, 1934

"I, Dave Weinstein, make the following voluntary statement of my own free will, without the use of any force or duress, to Special Agents J. E. Brennan and S. L. Fortenberry of the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice:

"I met Mrs. Gladys Sawyer on the streets of St. Paul approximately four weeks ago and at that time she asked me to dispose of her property consisting of her farm, located at Hodgson Road and G Street, and her house, located on Jefferson Avenue in St. Paul. So far I have failed to do anything relative to the disposition of the property. I attempted to contact Coy Hardwick about the sale of the farm property but have been unable to reach him.

"On Monday afternoon, November 12, 1934, a person came into my restaurant, which is located at 356 Minnesota Street, and gave me a message, which he said was from Mrs. Gladys Sawyer. This man was approximately five feet, ten inches high; weighed approximately 165 pounds; eyes were brown; hair dark brown; age 35; complexion fair, and wore a gray top coat. The message he gave me was a sealed envelope addressed to Doctor Earl, and he asked me to deliver the message to Dr. Earl, which I did, on the afternoon of November 12th. On the afternoon of November 13th, I returned to the office of Doctor Earl and obtained from him a sealed message and returned to my cafe at 356 Minnesota Street, and immediately after I started up the stairs to my cafe, the man which originally brought me the message on November 12th, came in after me and took the message which I received from Dr. Earl. This was the same man that gave me the message for Doctor Earl on the afternoon of November 12, 1934.

"I was stopped on the streets of St. Paul immediately after coming out of the Lowry Medical Arts Building and my identity was questioned by Mr. Coulter. I gave him one of my cards of the Old Vienna Cafe, on the back of which was written the name of "Brennan" and above the name was "Fed." This name was written in my own handwriting and as I recall it, I wrote it at the time I saw Mrs. Sawyer on the streets of St. Paul approximately four weeks ago, when she told me that Brennan, a Federal Agent, had taken a gun. At that time I had no idea as to the identity of Brennan.

"I came to the United States in 1905, landed in Philadelphia, from Philadelphia came to Chicago, where I stayed for approximately two years and then came to St. Paul and was in the haberdashery business up until 1928, after which time I followed various occupations and opened up the Old Vienna Cafe October 31, 1934. I was naturalized and received my final papers in 1914 or 1915 at St. Paul. My residence at the present time is 654 Fuller Street. I am married and have three children.

"I am acquainted with Emily and John Gordon. I have not seen Johnny Gordon since the spring of 1934, when I was in Duluth, Minnesota. I saw Emily Gordon on the streets of St. Paul about five or six weeks ago. I know Harry Sawyer and have not seen him for approximately one year.

Dave Weinstein

Witnesses:

S. L. FORTENBERRY (signed) [Statement read to DAVE WEINSTEIN]
 S. L. Fortenberry, Special Agent
 Division of Investigation,
 U.S. Department of Justice,
 St. Paul, Minnesota

JOHN E. BRENNAN (signed)
 J. E. Brennan, Special Agent
 Division of Investigation,
 U.S. Department of Justice,
 St. Paul, Minn.

It had previously been ascertained from DR. HENRY HALL that HARRY SAWYER had left a sawed-off shotgun with pistol grip in SAWYER's home, which has been rented by DR. HALL, which shotgun was obtained from DR. HALL and brought to the St. Paul Division office. DR. HALL stated that he had informed MRS. GORDON, above referred to, that Agent Brennan had searched this house and seized this gun. This is the gun referred to in the statement above. After WEINSTEIN's release, he was seen talking to someone in the lobby of the Lowry Hotel, whose identity was established as SAMUEL LIPSCHULTZ, attorney-at-law, 1685 Lincoln Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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WILLIAM L. EHRICH, 633 Linden Street, was located at the Swift Tacking Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, on November 16, 1934, and accompanied Special Agents S. L. Fortenberry and R. C. Coulter to the St. Paul Division Office, where he stated he had known THOMAS GANNON for about six months. He admitted having been at the cottage occupied by GANNON on Big Marine Lake on two or more occasions, and that he drove the old red truck there from the Owasso Tavern at the request of GANNON. He stated the Hudson Sedan seen at that place was being used by GANNON and was the property of EDDIE JAMES. EHRICH further stated he knew THOMAS F. KIRWIN by sight and had drove the grey Ford Coupe of him, but at those times he was always in company with GANNON and the Coupe was being used by GANNON. He denied knowing DILLINGER; HAMILTON; GILLIS or VAN METER. He was unable to identify photographs of DILLINGER and others including MARIE MARION COMFORTI. EHRICH further denied that anyone other than GANNON and CLARA GANNON was at the cottage when he was present, or that GANNON ever told him of associating with VAN METER. He further denied that he called for VAN METER's watch at Rosen's Jewelry Store.

STEVE ANDERT, C/o GERBER's Jewelry Company, who was formerly employed by ROSEN and who handled the transaction, came to the office and after viewing EHRICH, stated he could not identify him as the individual who called for the watch, as it seemed the person who called for the watch was considerably older than EHRICH.

Fingerprints of CLAUGHERTY and EHRICH were obtained and are being forwarded to the Division for comparison with the latent prints found at the cottage occupied by GANNON. Both CLAUGHERTY and EHRICH promised to cooperate with this office in the event they received any information of value regarding NELSON, but it is not believed that either would cooperate, especially CLAUGHERTY and inasmuch as EHRICH admits being a very close friend of GANNON, it is doubtful that he will cooperate.

DR. HENRY HALL, above referred to, stated he was going on a hunting trip in the vicinity of Bemidji & Duluth, Minnesota, leaving St. Paul November 14th and would return on the 19th; that while on this trip he would call at the Woodbine Country Club, near Duluth, where he is well known and endeavor to secure some information as to the present whereabouts of HARRY SAWYER. DR. HALL will be interviewed upon his return to St. Paul on November 19, 1934.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. R. Walsh:

On October 30th, 1934 at Richmond, Illinois, this agent covered the town without finding any place answering the probable outward conformation of the hideout. Pictures of suspects were shown at the following places in town with the result as noted:

Johnson's Service Station - No identification
Tower Produce Market -
Belden Oil Service Station -
Sinclair Service Station -
Stewart's Garage -
Toppen's Drug Store -
Pickerin's Barber Shop -
Burton's Grocery -
Senfir's Barber Shop -
Speaker's Grocery -
Steven's Grocery -
Foley's Garage -
Texaco Service Station -
Chop Suey Restaurant -

Shell Service Station - Run by a MR. POLEY,
who makes a tentative identification of PAULA HARMON's picture as being
that of a woman who was in the lunch room, which he operates in conjunction
with the gas station, about the first of October 1934 accompanied by a man
believed to be from the vicinity of Spring Grove or Graso Lake, nearby
villages.

Pagel's Service Station - About October 1st
four men in what appeared to be a Ford V8 Sedan or Coach, black body,
yellow wire wheels, California license, headed in direction of Chicago,
stopped here for gas. Huben Pagel made a tentative identification of
KARPIS as being one of them, but could not describe him very well. None
of the other pictures shown PAGEL resembled the other occupants of the
car, he said, although he is not in the habit of looking at them very
closely.

Inquiry in this town disclosed that the siren is blown only in case of
fire.

On October 31, 1934, a similar investigation was conducted at Genoa City,
Wisconsin by this agent. No houses were seen which, in the opinion of this agent,
compared with the probable external appearance of the hideout.

The siren in this town blows only at 6 P.M. and has been doing this for
several years.

Pictures of persons suspected or wanted for questioning in this case were
shown at practically all business places in this village with negative results.
The following places were visited:

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Sinclair Gas Station
Brunswick Grocery
Genoa City Metal
Mac's Barber Shop
Miller's Restaurant
Nash Auto Dealer
Chevrolet Agency
Flack's Drug Store
Postoffice
Keeler Barber Shop
Ford Sales Company
Shell Service Station

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents K. R. McIntire, T. G. Melvin and W. R. Walsh, in an effort to locate the hideout in which BREWER was held. The above agents are continuing to follow the regular meter readers of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, in order that the interiors of homes, believed to be the hideout, can be carefully scrutinized. The following towns have been covered, together with the country districts in the vicinity of these towns:

Arlington Heights
Palatine
Barrington
Wauconda
Carpentersville

Lake Zurich
Fox River Grove
Gary
East Dundee
West Dundee

It is to be noted that most of these towns are located in McHenry County, Illinois, but some are in Cook County. It is impossible to follow county lines, since jurisdiction of the various branches of the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois do not confine their activities and readings to county lines. To date no house fitting the description of the hideout has been found, though each house has been observed in company with the meter readers. It is intended that this form of inquiry will continue in the vicinity centering around De Kalb, Illinois.

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November 22nd, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. 1215;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1232;
ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Information was recently received from A. C. Marts, Senior Border Quarantine Inspector, Department of Agriculture, Smith River, California, that a man living in the vicinity of Smith River, California, closely resembles Volney Davis.

Special Agent V. E. Criss, of this office, ascertained from Inspector Marts that this individual, whom he suspected of being Volney Davis, was a man known as "Red" Porter, working on the Gilmore Farm 16 miles northeast of Smith River, Inspector Marts basing his conclusion on the resemblance of this individual to a photograph which had been forwarded to him of Volney Davis.

Agent Criss, in company with Sheriff J. R. Breen, of Crescent City, Siskiyou County, California, interviewed Merrill Everett Porter, alias "Red" Porter, whose Post Office address is Box 23, Harbor, Oregon. Agent Criss ascertained that Porter closely resembled Volney Davis, with the exception that he was of ruddy complexion and weighed about 170 pounds. Porter willingly permitted his fingerprints to be taken, and stated that for over a month he had been hearing he was Volney Davis and welcomed an investigation to prove that he was not.

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I am enclosing, herewith, the fingerprints of Merrill Everett Porter taken by Special Agent Criss, which have been compared with those of Volney Davis, found on the temporary wanted notice issued by the Division for subject Volney Davis, and it is apparent that the prints are not identical.

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It is requested, however, that the enclosed prints be searched in the Identification Unit and that this office be advised if Merrill Everett Porter has a criminal record.

Very truly yours,


E. P. Guinane
Special Agent in Charge

Encl.

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St. Paul
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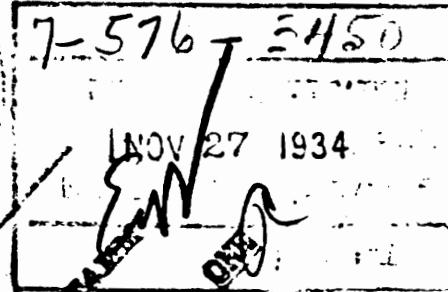
In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby,
I am transmitting herewith nine copies each of abstracts
of criminal records as appearing in the files of the
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I am also transmitting twelve copies of the photograph
of Elsie McHenry appearing on print #23112, Police
Department, Minneapolis, Minnesota, together with twelve
copies of the photograph of George Marshall appearing on
print #23451, Police Department, Saint Paul, Minnesota
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Respectfully,

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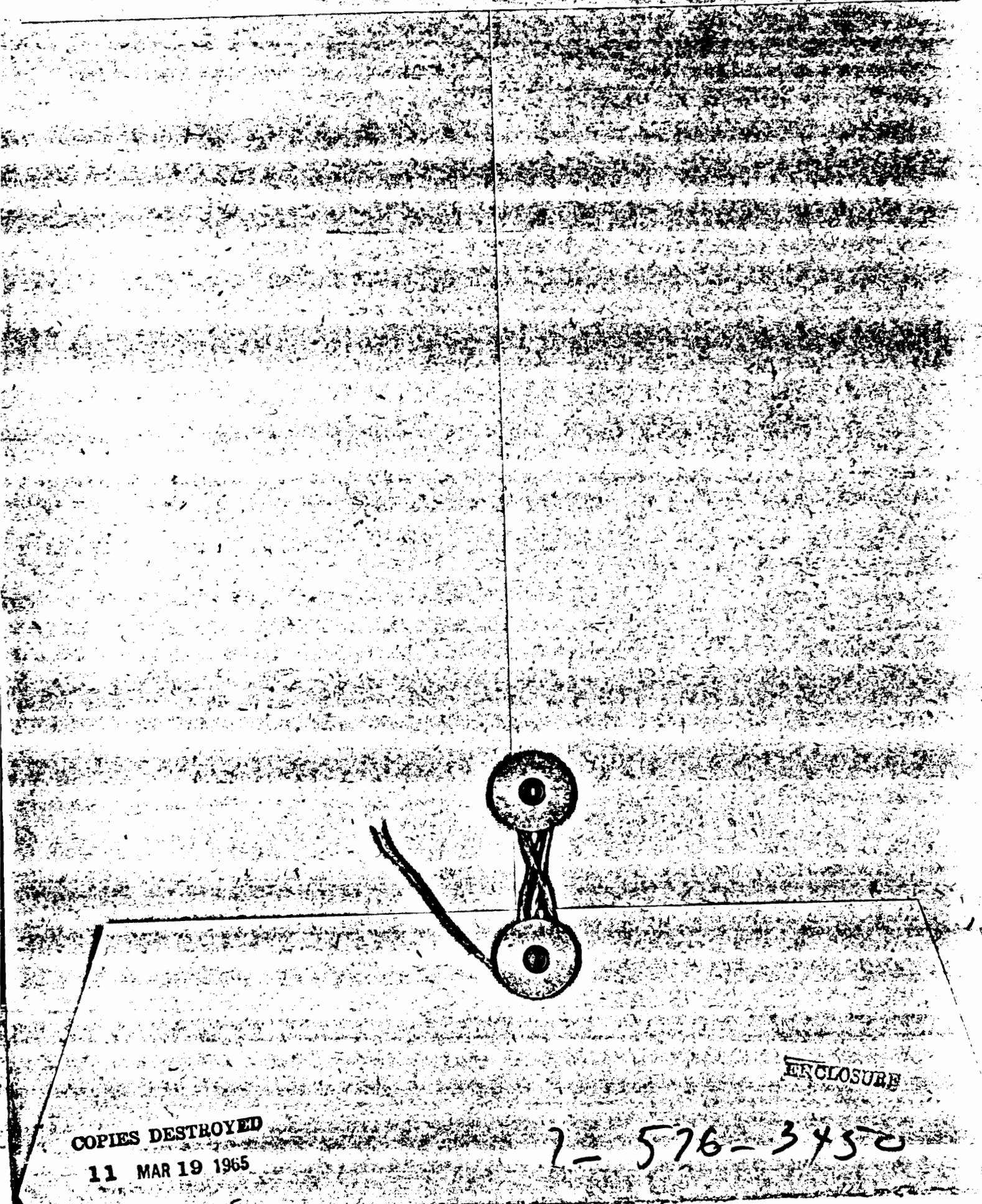
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<p><u>TITLE CHANGED:</u> ALVIN KARPIS, aliases: A. Carter, Raymond Handley, George Heller, Alvin Karpis, A. Karpis, Earl Peel, Alvin Karpis, George Dunn, R. E. Hamilton, Ray Hunter, Ray Karpis, E. L. Burns, R. L. Burns, J. J. Burns, William Lohman, William B. Lohman, E. L. Burns, Alvin Karpavics, R. E. Nelson, Earl Lyman Burns, Merion Bradford, H. J. Milgret, H. G. Milgret, Howard Milgret, Charles M. Bronson - I.O. #1218.</p> <p><u>SYNOPSIS & FACTS:</u> ARTHUR B. BARKER, aliases: "Doc" Barker, Claude Dale, Bob Barker, E. L. Murray, J. H. Harvey, A. S. Hunter, Dock Barker, Claude Barker, Arthur Barker, F. E. Gordon - I.O. #1219.</p> <p>FRED BARKER, aliases: F. G. Ward, Ted Murphy, J. Darrows, R. E. Davis, J. E. Blackburn, T. C. Blackburn, A. S. Hunter, J. Earl Matterson, J. Stanley Smith, Fred E. Gordon, Bradford, Earl J. Matterson.</p> <p>HARRY CAMPBELL, aliases: Dave Campbell, T. C. Blackburn, George L. Martin, George Nelson, John Walcott, George Walcott, George Winfield, George Swanson.</p> <p>VOLNEY DAVIS, aliases: "Curley" Davis, "Cotton" Davis, E. V. Davis, J. H. Lockwood, S. E. Lockwood, C. E. Moore.</p> <p>WILLIAM WEAVER, aliases: P. O'Donnell, Phoenix Donald, R. A. Nelson, T. J. Nelson, P. J. Nelson, Bill Scott, W. C. Weaver, J. A. Orhood.</p> <p>HARRY SAWYER, alias Frank James.</p> <p>GEORGE ZEIGLER, aliases: Fred Getz, Shotgun Ziegler (Deceased)</p> <p>MONTY CARTER:</p> <p>JAMES J. WILSON, aliases: Jimmie Wilson, James Jackson, James Hyun</p> <p>DOCTOR JOSEPH P. MORAN: aliases: Joseph B. Moran, Joseph C. Moran - I.O. #1232.</p> <p>RUSSELL GIBSON, aliases: Rusty Gibson, Slim Gray, R. Gray Evans - I.O. #1213</p> <p>OLIVER A. HERG, aliases: Ollie Berg, Izzy, Mr. Jones, Oliver Bennett</p> <p>WILLIAM EDWARD VIDLER, aliases: William E. Vidler, Williams</p> <p>PHILLIP J. DELANEY, aliases: Philip Delaney, Phillip Delaney, Phil Delaney</p> <p>JOHN J. McLAUGHLIN, aliases: J. J. McLaughlin, "Boss" McLaughlin.</p> <p>JOHN JOSEPH McLAUGHLIN, JR., aliases: Jack McLaughlin, Jimmy McLaughlin</p> <p>EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - VICTIM</p>			<p><u>CHARACTER OF CASE</u> KIDNAPING</p>
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SYNOPSIS:

Investigation at Miami, Florida and vicinity reveals that 1934 Ford Coupe bearing motor #18-1037480, which automobile was purchased by Karpis in Cleveland, Ohio 7-20-34 under alias of Charles M. Bronson, was registered in Miami, Fla., 11-5-34 by one Duke Randall, El Comodoro hotel, Miami, Florida, who is not Karpis, and who now has the automobile in his possession. Randall is stopping at El Comodoro Hotel in company with one Gregory I. Codomo of Newark, N.J., who is not identified as a member of the gang. Both Randall and Codomo are reported to be in Miami to work for the Biscayne Kennel Club, a dog track, during the impending racing season. El Comodoro Hotel and Biscayne Kennel Club are operated by John O. Knight and Robert Knight of Miami, Fla., politicians, who are aided by Joe Adams, a kinsman. Investigation in Miami, Florida failed to reveal that Randall, Codomo, the Knights or Adams are in contact with Karpis or the instant gang. Willie Harrison and Monty Carter identified as having played golf at clubs in vicinity of Miami, Florida several months ago.

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DETAILS:

The title in this case is being marked changed to add the alias of Charles M. Bronson to the aliases of Alvin Karpis, it being noted that during the investigation conducted in this case the reports in the Birmingham office did not include this alias, although the report of Special Agent Wm. Larson, Detroit, Michigan, 9-28-34, indicated that Karpis had used that alias.

This investigation is based upon telephonic instructions of Mr. E. A. Tamm of the Division, who on the evening of November 16, 1934 telephonically advised the writer that the Jacksonville office had ascertained that 1934 Ford coupe, bearing motor #18-1037480, which was an automobile that had been purchased by Alvin Karpis in Cleveland, Ohio (as will be noted from the report of Special Agent Wm. Larson, Detroit, Michigan, 9-28-34), had been registered in Miami, Florida on November 5, 1934 by one Duke Randall of the El Comodoro hotel in Miami, Florida; further, that Randall in registering this car stated he had purchased it from Charles M. Bronson. Further, that Randall at this time was stopping at the El Comodoro Hotel in Miami, Florida but his identity was unknown. Mr. Tamm instructed that the reporting agent, with Special Agents L. J. Metcalf and P. C. Dunne of the Birmingham office, and Special Agents R. E. Peterson, M. C. Falkner and H. C. Douglas of the Nashville office, proceed to Miami, Florida immediately to contact

Special Agent Roger L. Main, Resident Agent at Miami, Florida, for the purpose of conducting an appropriate inquiry there to determine the identity of Randall and to ascertain if he is Karpis, or if members of the gang are in Miami, Florida.

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

The above agents arrived in Miami, Florida at 2:45 p.m. November 17, 1934, when Special Agent Roger Main who met them at the airport advised that Inspector S. Cowley had departed from Chicago enroute to Miami, Florida and that all investigation, according to instructions that had been furnished to him by Special Agent R. A. Alt, should be held in abeyance pending the arrival of Inspector Cowley.

Inspector Cowley, with Special Agents H. E. Hollis, Clarence Hurt and C. G. Campbell arrived in Miami at 3:10 a.m. on November 18, 1934. This report, consequently, is a report of all of the above mentioned Special Agents.

Special Agent Roger L. Main advised that as a result of a flash notice placed by the Jacksonville office with the Registrar, Motor Vehicles, State of Florida, the Jacksonville office was advised that on November 5, 1934, Florida 1934 tag #202-978 had been issued to Duke Randall, El Commodore Hotel, Miami, Florida for Ford coupe bearing motor #1037480; that in registering this automobile, Randall stated that he had purchased the car from Charles M. Bronson on November 5, 1934; that the automobile had previously been registered in the State of Ohio, where Ohio tag #711-696 had been issued for it. Special Agent Main also stated that he had endeavored to cover the El Commodore Hotel since this information was received, but that he was not successful in seeing this Ford coupe in that vicinity; further, that a few of the Detectives on the Miami Police Department force had been requested to be on the lookout for this car and to endeavor to ascertain who the occupants of it were and to learn who they might contact in the automobile. According to Special Agent Main, the automobile had not been seen prior to the arrival of the above mentioned agents, although one of the Detectives claimed to have seen it on one occasion when he was walking down the streets of Miami, but inasmuch as he had no car, he was not able to trail this automobile. Special Agent Main also advised that on one occasion when he was in the lobby of the El Commodore Hotel, he saw an individual who had been pointed out to him as being Duke Randall, writing a letter, and that his observation of this person was that he was not Karpis.

Special Agent Main described Randall as being approximately 5' 10" tall, black hair, weighing 160-170#. Special Agent Main also advised that the El Comodoro Hotel is reported to be owned by the Robert Knight, who is also the operator of the Biscayne Kennel Club in Miami. He also stated that the information that he had received generally in Miami is that Robert Knight is not responsible but would resort to any means to make money; further, that he is entrenched politically and that while he recently sought appointment as postmaster in Miami, as a result of investigation by the Post office Inspector, his appointment was not approved; that his brother, J. C. Knight also sought this position, and he likewise was rejected as a result of investigation conducted by the Post Office Inspectors. J. C. Knight is an alleged realtor of Miami. Special Agent Main also stated that a brother-in-law of Robert Knight's, namely Joe Adams, is the actual manager of the El Comodoro Hotel and holds a position in an executive capacity at the Biscayne Kennel Club. The Biscayne Kennel Club is a grey hound racing track, according to Special Agent Main, and at the present time it is conducting schooling meets in preparation for the regular racing season within the next few weeks.

Special Agent Main also advised that general information he had received indicates that Adams is a man of similar character to that of the Knights, and that none of these three men could be depended upon to assist in an investigation of this type in Miami. This is being mentioned inasmuch as it might be that it is through these individuals that the gang has a contact in Miami. Special Agent Main further stated that he had as a result of his general inquiries been unable to contact any informant in the El Comodoro Hotel with the exception of James Grant, a negro who is the Bell Captain at the hotel, and who the police have advised could be depended upon.

On November 18, 1934, Special Agents H. C. Douglas and M. C. Falkner, upon instructions of Inspector Cowley, registered at the El Comodoro Hotel for the purpose of observing Duke Randall and to maintain a surveillance of him to determine if he was contacting any of the members of the Barker-Karpis gang. It might be mentioned that Special Agent Douglas was quartered in room 917 and Special Agent Falkner in room 1001 at the El Comodoro hotel. During that day, these agents reported that they had an opportunity to see Duke Randall in the hotel on several occasions when he was talking to the clerks and management of the hotel, but that they did not see the Ford coupe bearing Florida tags #202-978.

About 5:00 p.m. on November 18, 1934 on an occasion when Inspector Cowley, Special Agents Clarence Hurt, Roger Main and J. H. Hanson drove by the El Comodoro Hotel, the Ford coupe bearing Florida tags #202-978 was seen parked in front of the El Comodoro hotel. Special Agent H. C. Douglas subsequently advised that the automobile had just driven up to the hotel door at that time and that the car at that time was driven by a man and a woman, who got out of the car and went into the hotel, where they were met by two men whose descriptions Agent Douglas could not see, as he immediately attempted to get in touch with Inspector Cowley to advise him of this occurrence. Subsequently, at about 6:30 p.m. the man and woman who had driven the car up to the hotel, left the hotel and again got into the automobile. At this time Special Agent J. H. Hanson noted that the man driving the car was approximately 5' 11" tall, weighing 175 $\frac{1}{2}$, neat dress and having clean-cut features. A description could not be obtained of the woman, inasmuch as she entered the car on the side opposite the Agent. However, it was observed in following the automobile, as will be mentioned later, that she was a young woman about 25 years of age. When these two people returned to the car a porter was carrying some bags, which he placed in the rear of the automobile. This was about 6:30 p.m., and when the car left the hotel, it was trailed by Special Agents H. C. Douglas and J. H. Hanson. The car proceeded to 2467 5th Street, Southwest, where it was parked in the yard, and the occupants of it apparently got into the house before the Agents could see them, although the agents saw Florida tag #202-978 on the Ford coupe which was parked in the yard. At that time the yard was lighted up and there appeared to Agent J. H. Hanson to be 2 automobiles parked in the garage or in the yard ahead of this Ford coupe and one car parked on the street. Shortly after this, Inspector Cowley, with Special Agents Hollis, Hurt, Campbell and Hanson, again drove by this house, at which time Agent Hollis ascertained that the Ford coupe parked in the yard bore Florida tag #202-978; the yard and house, however, at this time were darkened considerably from the time when the car was first put in this yard. Special Agent Hollis also obtained the license number of the car on the street in front of the house, which car was a Dodge Sedan and was traced by Special Agent Main to a woman operating a welding company in Miami.

Inquiry resulted in learning that 2467, 5th Street Southwest is occupied by J. C. Knight and his wife, Helen, Knight being the President and Treasurer of the Flagler Street Company, a real estate concern with offices in the Venetian Building, and Main advised that this Mr. Knight is the brother of Robert Knight, who operates the

El Comodoro hotel and other enterprises as mentioned above.

Prior to conducting the above investigation, Inspector Cowley, with Special Agent Roger L. Main contacted James Grant, negro Bell captain at the El Comodoro Hotel and at that time Grant stated that, when shown pictures of the Barker-Karpis gang, Duke Randall was not Karpis, nor could he identify any of the photographs of this gang as people he had seen with Randall. Grant stated that Randall associated generally with a short, stout individual who appeared to be Jewish and who was partially bald; that they had been at the hotel since about November 5, 1934 and that he did not know anything about them except that they did not appear to be engaged in any business. He mentioned, however, that on one occasion he paged these men when a telephone call came in for Duke Randall and he then talked to the Jewish looking man, who informed him that Randall was sitting in a coupe outside of the hotel, in which there was a radio. This automobile was pointed out by Grant and found to be a 1931 Ford cabriolet bearing New Jersey license tags D-1580. Grant stated that he would have the opportunity to go through the hotel room occupied by these men and if he obtained any information of interest would notify Inspector Cowley, who made arrangements to contact him, and that he would particularly look for laundry marks and endeavor to ascertain to what laundry their clothes had been sent. This information, however, was never secured by Grant, although several contacts were had with him by Inspector Cowley.

Subsequently, about 3 P.M. on November 18, 1934, the Ford Coupe bearing Florida tags 202-9789 was again observed parked in front of the El Comodoro Hotel by Special Agents H. C. Douglas and M. C. Falkner. It was not noted who had driven the car alongside of the hotel. In this connection it might be mentioned that the hotel has entrances on two streets. About the same time that the car was noticed by these two agents, Special Agents L. E. Hollis and J. H. Hanson, who were driving about the hotel, noticed two men looking at the motor of the car, the man having raised the hood of it, and were apparently checking the motor. One of these men was wearing a linen suit and is the individual known as Duke Randall, and the other man with him was evidently Codomo, concerning whom further information will be set out below.

Special Agents Hollis and Hanson placed their car in a position so that they could trail this automobile should it again be driven away, but no one touched the automobile up until 9:00 P.M., when these two agents were relieved by Special Agents Campbell and Hurt. These agents maintained their watch during the night of November 18th, but the car was not moved at all that night, remaining on the street in front of the hotel all that night.

On November 19, 1934, Special Agents Douglas and Falkner were instructed to check out of the El Comodoro Hotel, at which time Special Agents Hurt and Campbell took their place at that hotel. When Agents Douglas and Falkner were checking out, they observed the individual who had been pointed out to them as Randall, with his associate, believed to be Codomo, talking to a woman in an Oldsmobile Tudor Sedan, bearing 1934 North Carolina license plates, no. 131,831.

Upon securing this information, telephonic conversation was had with Special Agent in Charge T. H. Stapleton at Charlotte, N.C., who learned that these North Carolina license plates had been issued to one L. E. Gray, care of Mayfair Hotel, Charlotte, N.C. on May 31, 1934, the plates being issued for an Oldsmobile bearing motor #368327, the car being a Touring Car, which had been purchased on May 31, 1934 from the Thomas Cadillac-Oldsmobile Co. Inc. at Charlotte, N.C. Mr. Stapleton advised that inasmuch as the manager and salesman of the above mentioned automobile company were out of the city, the clerk in the office of the above company refused to give him any information concerning Mr. Gray, but that he learned through Mr. Jack Vaughn, clerk at the Mayfair Hotel, that L. E. Gray is a well known hotel man in the Carolinas, who was formerly manager of the Carolina Hotel at Winston-Salem, N.C., but he had left that hotel in May 1934, when he came to Charlotte for a few days, leaving there for Jacksonville, Fla., where he gave his address as 223 Graham Building. According to Special Agent Stapleton, Mr. Vaughn stated that Gray is a man of excellent reputation and is well known and well liked in hotel circles; further that Vaughn heard that Gray was now in the selling game in Florida.

Special Agent Stapleton advised that the records of the General Motors Acceptance Corporation in Charlotte indicated that the above mentioned automobile was being financed by Gray through that organization, and that other than the fact that Gray had communicated with that company concerning the payments on his automobile, there was no information in their files except that Gray had also given an address as 325 West Ashley Street in Jacksonville, Fla.; further that he was in the equipment business in Florida.

Through the manager of the Alcazar Hotel in Miami, Special Agent Roger L. Main ascertained that a few weeks ago L. E. Gray had applied for a position as a clerk in the hotel; that at that time it was observed that Mr. Gray was apparently a responsible appearing individual about forty years of age, and that he understood that Mr. Gray had secured a position as a clerk at the El Comodoro.

On November 19, 1934, Special Agents C. Hurt and C. G. Campbell were instructed by Inspector Cowley to check into the El Comodoro Hotel for the purpose of maintaining a surveillance on Randall, at which time they were placed in a room on the 11th floor. Special Agent Hurt succeeded in contacting Mr. L. E. Gray, one of the clerks at the hotel, learning from him that so far as he knows, Mr. Joe Adams is the operator of the El Comodoro Hotel; further that on the day that he, Mr. Gray, went to work at the El Comodoro, about November 5, 1934, Mr. Adams left the city, at which time he told Mr. Gray that Messrs. Randall and Codomo, who were staying at the hotel, were complimentary guests of the hotel, Mr. Gray saying that he understood from the general conversation between Messrs. Adams, Randall and Codomo, that on a recent occasion when Adams was in Newark, N.J., he had made the acquaintance of Randall and Codomo, who had treated him very courteously, and that he had invited them to come to Miami, which they had done, for which reason they apparently were staying at the hotel as guests of Adams. Mr. Gray also informed Special Agent Hurt that at the present time Adams was engaged in interviewing applicants for positions at the Biscayne Kennel Club, and that he understood some one hundred fifty people were to be employed, all of whom were to be local people, with the exception of Randall and Codomo, who he understood were to receive positions, and who he believed were race track followers.

Special Agent Hurt, who had the opportunity of observing both Randall and Codomo, has described these men as follows:

	RANDALL	CODOMO
Age	About 28 years	About 37 years
Height	5'11"	5'6" or 7"
Weight	160 $\frac{1}{2}$	175 $\frac{1}{2}$
Eyes	Blue	Black, curly, thin, bald spot on top of head
Hair	Dark auburn	Chunky
Build		Dark
Complexion	Medium	
Features	Sharp, nose sharp & long	
Dress	Generally wears brown suit	Generally wears dark trous- ⁵⁻²

Special Agents Hurt and Campbell, who observed Randall and Codomo from November 19th up until the night of November 30th, reported that these two men generally were together at all times; that neither of them bore any resemblance to Karpis or known members of the Karpis-Barker gang, and that they apparently contacted no persons at the hotel, except to have casual conversations with persons whom the Special Agents were unable to identify.

These agents also reported that Randall and Codomo, according to Mr. Gray, the hotel clerk, drove to Miami in an automobile with which they had trouble, and they purchased another automobile after their arrival in Miami. The car that was purchased, it is believed is the Ford Coupe formerly in possession of Karpis, and for which Randall took out Florida tags 202-978. These Special Agents also advised that Randall and Codomo are in possession of a 1931 Ford Cabriolet Coupe, bearing New Jersey license plates D-1580. These two agents are continuing to maintain these individuals under surveillance, and no information has been received except that on the night of November 19, 1934, Randall and Codomo attended the schooling races at the Biscayne Kennel Club, which opened on that night, preparatory to the regular racing season.

With reference to the 1931 Ford Cabriolet bearing New Jersey license plates D-1580, which plates are on the Ford Cabriolet in possession of Randall and Codomo, telephonic conversation was had with the New York office, at which time Assistant Special Agent in Charge Rhea Whitley advised Special Agent J. H. Hanson that that office had learned that New Jersey license plates D-1580, which are dealer's plates, were issued with a group of dealer's license plates, to the Select Used Car Co. Inc., 317 Central Avenue, Newark, N.J.; that Leonard Codomo is the owner and operator of this company, and that Leonard's brother, Gregory L. Codomo, had left Newark, N.J., about November 8, 1934 for Florida in a 1931 Ford Cabriolet bearing New Jersey license plates D-1580; that Gregory L. Codomo is in Miami, Fla., where he is stopping at the El Comodore for the purpose of buying used automobiles, it being reported that the Select Used Car Co. Inc. buys automobiles over the entire country, and it was believed that Miami would be a good field for purchasing automobiles at this time. Special Agent Whitley stated that it was understood that Codomo intended to be in Florida for two or more weeks. He also advised that the Select Used Car Co. Inc., is a typical used car dealer, and that while the agent conducting the investigation was at that establishment, it was noted that two automobiles were brought into the garage, bearing Ohio license plates.

The following description of Gregory L. Codomo was obtained, according to Special Agent Rhea Whitley.

NAME	GREGORY I. CODONO
Age	36
Height	5'6"
Weight	190
Build	Stocky
Hair	Dark, bald
Eyes	Blue

While the above investigation was being conducted, the Special Agents engaged in this investigation also made a search of the swimming beach at Miami Beach, where the tourists generally bathe, with a view of locating members of the Karpis-Barker gang, but while this search was made on November 19th and 20th, no information was obtained as to any of the mob being on the beach.

With the thought in mind that Delores Delaney, the sweetheart of Karpis, is reported to be pregnant at this time, contact was made with all of the hospitals in Miami, but the results were negative, no maternity cases having been reported that would fit Delores Delaney; nor had reservations been made for such a patient, it being estimated that at this time, according to the best information available to Inspector Crowley, that Delores Delaney is now about seven months pregnant.

At the Jackson Memorial Hospital, 1000 N.W. 17th Street, Special Agent Campbell was informed that a woman named Delores Del Rosa had made reservations for a room in the maternity ward, and had paid in advance for ten days, during the month of January, 1935. Subsequent investigation, however, by Special Agent R. E. Peterson revealed that the information given to Special Agent Campbell was in error, Dr. R. C. Woodard informing Special Agent Peterson that the records indicated that a Louisa Del Rosa had come to the hospital about two weeks previously, arranging for the rental of a room in January. Dr. Woodard stated that inasmuch as the case was a private one, the hospital had no further records at this time, but that the attending physician was Dr. Homer Pearson. The Doctor also referred Agent to Edith Woodard, his daughter, who handled the transaction.

Miss Edith Woodard stated that about two weeks ago a woman claiming to be Mrs. Louisa Del Rosa, and her husband, called at the hospital, requesting to be referred to an obstetrician, for which reason she was referred to Dr. Homer Pearson, but the woman again returned with her husband and requested to be shown the rooms available, after which she selected a room. Miss Woodard described Mrs. Del Rosa and her husband as being either Cubans

or Spaniards, saying that Mrs. Del Rosa was about twenty-one years old, 5' 7" tall, slender build, dark complexion, and that Del Rosa himself was about thirty-five years of age, small in stature, slender build, and had dark hair. Photographs of the Karpis-Barker gang were shown to Miss Woodard, and she stated that Del Rosa did not resemble any of the subjects.

Mr. Homer Pearson, Randolph Building, advised Special Agent in Charge Peterson that Mrs. Philip De La Rosa of the Saragossa Apartments, came to him on September 15, 1934, to make arrangements for her confinement. He stated that she claimed to be of French extraction, and that her husband is a Cuban, formerly employed by the Frigidaire Company of Havana, Cuba, now unemployed. Dr. Pearson stated that the patient has been back to see him on several occasions, and has paid him in full in advance; that she gave her age as 32 years but looks younger.

Mrs. Margaret O. Brown, manager of the Saragossa Apartments, 221 N.E. 3rd Street, advised Agent Peterson that Philip De La Rosa rented an apartment from her about September 1, 1934; that he claimed to be a Spaniard and to have lived in New York; that he and his wife lived there until October 21, 1934, when they moved to a house at 1470 S.W. 4th Street, which De La Rosa and his wife claimed to have purchased. Mrs. Brown stated that De La Rosa did not have an automobile; that he and his wife apparently had no friends; that the wife claimed to be from the north where her mother lived, and that De La Rosa apparently was a Cuban. Mrs. Brown also was shown photographs of the Karpis-Barker gang, but advised that De La Rosa did not resemble any of these persons, nor had she seen any of them visiting the De La Rosas.

Mr. H. Furman, 1466 S. W. 4th Street, who lives next door to 1470 S.W. 4th St., the home which De La Rosa is reported to have purchased, advised Agent Peterson that a Cuban named De La Rosa had bought the house at 1470 S.W. 4th St. about three or four weeks ago; that De La Rosa and his wife have lived there since that time; that they do not have a car; that no friends have been to see them and that they do not associate with any of the neighbors; further that their house is not as yet completely furnished. Mr. Furman was shown photographs of the Karpis-Barker gang, but stated that De La Rosa does not resemble any of these persons.

Agent Peterson noted that 1470 S.W. 4th Street is a modest bungalow; that the house has not been furnished with curtains, and appears to be only partly furnished. It was also noted that the garage in the rear of the house is not used except for storage of some sand.

Inquiry was also made of all the Electric Power, Gas and Public Utilities Companies in Miami, Miami Beach and Coral Gables for the purpose of determining if any of the members of the Barker-Karpis Gang had taken out such services since Sept. 26, 1934. This inquiry was without results. It might be mentioned however that because of the large tourist business in Miami and suburbs, the apartment house keepers have arranged to furnish their tenants with such services, avoiding the necessity of the tenants taking out meters. The only possible lead that resulted from this inquiry was information secured by Special Agent L. J. Metcalf from T. H. Beddall, Manager of the Florida Power and Light Company, Miami Beach, to the effect that on Nov. 5, 1934, a contract was entered with a Mrs. Albert Murphy to be furnished electricity and gas at 609 - 16th Street, Miami Beach; that Mr. C. W. Delines of the Power Company handled this negotiation with Mrs. Murphy and he in turn stated that a woman calling at the office stated that she was Mrs. H. Kerzin; that she wished to arrange for electricity for Mrs. Albert Murphy at the above mentioned address; that this woman who claimed to be Mrs. Kerzin was small in stature, dark complexion, weighed about 120 to 130 pounds and appeared to be pregnant. Mr. Delines however was unable to identify any of the members of the Barker-Karpis gang from the photographs as having been at his office. Inspector Cowley and Special Agent Hanson conducted an investigation at 609 - 16th Street, Miami Beach, on the evening of November 19, 1934, and this apartment dwelling, which appeared to be a four family dwelling, located in a good residential neighborhood, was dark at that time. On the following day Special Agent M. C. Falkner made an inquiry at this address informing Mrs. H. Kerzin that he was seeking an apartment for some friends who were very particular as to their neighbors at which time Mrs. Kerzin showed him Apartment #4, and during this time she stated that a Mrs. Murphy, a widow from New York City, had rented Apartment #3; that Mrs. Murphy had returned to New York City with an invalid brother, who required medical treatment there and that it was expected that they would be back in Miami in about a week or two to occupy apartment #3. Mrs. Kerzin stated also that references are required of all tenants in the apartment and that she had thoroughly investigated the Murphys and could guarantee that she would be of the highest type of neighbor. She also mentioned that the rental on the apartment is \$1350.00 per season, the season being about four to five months. Special Agent Roger L. Main ascertained that the [REDACTED] had no record of having made an inquiry concerning Mrs. Albert Murphy.

Inquiry was also made at all of the automobile sales garages in Miami and Miami Beach for the purpose of determining if any cash purchases had been made of automobiles since September 26, last. At the time this inquiry was made, the photographs of the Barker-Karpis gang were also shown to the sales people but no information was obtained indicating that members of this gang had purchased any automobiles at these places or had had any transactions with these agencies.

Inquiry was also made at all of the Golf Clubs in Miami, Miami Beach and Coral Gables, for the purpose of learning if any of the members of the Barker-Karpis gang had recently played golf at these places, but no information was obtained, especially as to Willie Harrison and Monty Carter having played there, except at the Miami Country Club. Willys J. Foland, caddy master, informed Special Agent H. C. Douglas that the photograph of William J. Harrison was familiar to him. He stated that he believed that Harrison had played at the club but that he could not state when he had played, nor could he furnish any other information that Harrison had been there recently. At the Miami Beach Municipal Golf Course, which course is generally reputed to be the hang-out for hoodlum golf players, Art Gleason, professional, and Jack Soutar, the starter, identified the pictures of Monty Carter and Willie Harrison as men who had played on that golf course. Gleason, who is the more reputable of these two witnesses, informed Special Agents L. J. Metcalf and J. H. Hanson, that he could not state when he had seen these men but that he is of the impression that he has seen them at some time but does not believe that it was in the immediate past. Soutar, who is an elderly man, stated to Special Agent Metcalf that to the best of his recollection he had seen both of these men during the late summer or early fall of this year. From Gleason it was learned that there is no way of checking on the dates that these men might have played at the course, Gleason stating that generally the customers, when registering to play, give fictitious names, most of them generally saying that they were Henry Ford, Jack Dempsey, or some other notable figure, saying further that the customers themselves do not register their names but the Secretary at the club filled out their registrations for them. At the Hollywood Country Club, Hollywood, Fla., Inspector Cowley and Special Agent Main learned from Jack Lalley, professional, and the green tender, named Moore, that these two men believed that they had seen someone resembling the photograph of Willie Harrison at that course, but that he had not been there during the past several months. It might be mentioned here that it is generally believed that hoodlum golfers would play either at Miami Beach Municipal course or at the Hollywood Country Club.

Inspector Cowley and Special Agent Roger Main at Hollywood, Fla., also visited the Plantation Club, a known gambling resort, and the club having the biggest play, but were unable to observe in the crowd at the Plantation Club anyone who resembled a member of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Inspector Cowley and Special Agent Hollis on the night of Nov. 19, 1934, also visited the Torch Club, a night club which it is believed that hoodlums would frequent, but none of the members of this mob were identified as being there. Special Agent Roger Main for the past several nights had visited Frank Curley's Place at Miami Beach during the evening meal time, but it was not observed that any of the members of this gang are hanging around this place. In connection with Curley, it might be mentioned that he is reported to have been a previous contact for Fred Goetz in Miami, especially in past years, as Curley is running a liquor joint at Miami Beach.

It had also been reported to Inspector Cowley as a result of information furnished by informants in the Chicago district, that Goetz and his followers also frequent a place run by Johnnie Humphries at Miami Beach, but Special Agent Roger Main ascertained that Humphries no longer runs a place there and Frank Curley informed Special Agent Main that Humphries formerly worked at a place next door to Curley's present establishment.

Inasmuch as the Club Bagdad on the edge of Miami was reported to have been a previous place of entertainment for Fred Goetz and his followers, Special Agents Hollis and Hanson were instructed by Inspector Cowley to take in this place on the night of November 18, 1934. On that date agents were at that establishment from about 9:30 until 2:30 A. M. the following day. The place was very well patronized by apparently all types of persons, but no one was observed who appeared to be a member of the Barker-Karpis gang. For future inquiry at this place, should it be necessary, it might be mentioned that there are numerous hostesses at the place, the two of them who joined Special Agents Hollis and Hanson being Bess Wynn residing at 1029 N.W. 51st Street, Miami, Apartment #1, in the rear, telephone number 2-9321, and Francine Boni, alias Bonny, who resides at Riverview Apartments, Apartment #21, Miami, Fla. Bess Wynn was the companion of Special Agent Hanson for the evening and it was learned that she has been working at this place for the past four years. She has lived in Miami since 1924. She informed Special Agent Hanson that the gambling would not commence at this place until about January, 1935. It might be mentioned that she also stated on the occasion when it was noted that some officers had come into the place and arrested an individual, that persons coming there had nothing to fear from the law unless they did some damage to the property, otherwise the house man would take care of them otherwise the local law never came into the place. While she was not approached concerning Fred Goetz or any member of this gang, it is believed that because of her years of work at these places that if it is necessary she might be developed to secure possible information. She also informed Special Agent Hanson that she had formerly worked at the Ambassador Club at Miami, which place she claims had frequently been visited by the Capone brothers and she claims to know some of them. Francine Boni who was the companion of Special Agent Hollis for the night, claims to be from Chicago and claims to have been in Miami for only four days. She is a girl of Italian extraction and she also could possibly be used as a future source of information at that establishment.

On Nov. 20, 1934, it was learned through L. E. Gray at the El Comodoro Hotel that on one occasion a man named Marks from the Greystone Hotel in Miami, had called for Duke Randall and left word for him to call Marks. For this reason on Nov. 20, 1934, Special Agent Hollis checked into the Greystone Hotel to observe Marks but only learned that a Harry Marks had registered from Newark, N.J., on Nov. 18th, being assigned Room 320. Further surveillance at the Greystone Hotel was discontinued before a description of Marks could be obtained, inasmuch as it was decided to discontinue the inquiry for the time being for the reasons as set out in the following paragraph.

In view of the above development, it was concluded that no future inquiries would be made by the Agents in Miami and inasmuch as it is not believed the opportune time to trace further the possession of the Ford Coupe known to have been Barkers' car in the possession of Randall, no further investigation was conducted, but Special Agents Clarence Hurt and G. C. Campbell are remaining in Miami to complete the investigation. It should also be mentioned that in this connection Special Agent Hurt has learned that a number of underworld characters, who are friendly to him, are in Miami and efforts are being made through these sources to learn if the Barker-Karpis gang are in Miami at this time or if it is expected that they will be there.

P E N D I N G

P. O. Box 2118
Detroit, Michigan
November 25, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1215;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. 1215;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1215;
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. 1215; et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - VICTIM
Kidnapping

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On November 25, pursuant to instructions, this Agent met [REDACTED] at Toledo, Ohio. [REDACTED] advised that since Mr. Cowley and Mr. Hollis were in Toledo, she had not learned anything additional in regard to the Barker-Karpis Gang. She advised that on Friday, November 16, the night after Mr. Cowley left Toledo, Ohio, she went out to the Casino Club with May, who is known to Mr. Cowley and that Ted Angus was very friendly toward her; that he spent the entire evening at their table, but stated that he had not heard anything from the boys.

[REDACTED] did advise, however, that on Sunday, November 18, while talking with May and Mike, she learned that they both know Baby Face Nelson; that they advised her that they met him during the winter of 1931 while they were at Hot Springs, Arkansas; that they knew him as "Little Jimmy". They also knew that he was originally from California but that he had spent a great deal of time in Chicago, Illinois, and that his real name was Lester. [REDACTED] advised that according to the information furnished her by May and Mike, Nelson came to Hot Springs, Arkansas, in the winter of 1931, with another fellow whose identity is unknown to them; that when he arrived in Hot Springs he had just wrecked his car and that he had a large handkerchief full of jewelry that he had obtained in some job that had just been pulled by them; that he was anxious to dispose of this jewelry in order that they might obtain money to buy a new car; that he did sell this jewelry which was valued at several thousand dollars, to Dick Galatas, for \$400.00.

[REDACTED] stated that May and Mike both advised her that for some time during Nelson's stay at Hot Springs he lived with May and Mike. They further advised her that after leaving Hot Springs, Arkansas he went to Reno, Nevada, and [REDACTED] recalls that while she was in Reno in 1932 she met this "Jimmy" and he was at that time driving a car for a man by the name of Graham, who was known to a racketeer in Reno. [REDACTED] advised that this Graham has been associated with a man by the name of McKay in Reno and that both of these individuals are known to the Division. She stated that up until Sunday night she had never connected this man, whom she knew as "Jimmy", with Baby Face Nelson, but she is now positive that they are identical.

She further advised that this conversation was brought up by the fact that about five weeks ago, as near as can be determined, Mike was driving on Jefferson Street, in Toledo, and as he passed the Commodore Perry Hotel he saw

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this name "Jimmy" standing in front of the Hotel. He advised [REDACTED] that the traffic was very heavy and that he was unable to stop but that he did blow the horn on the car, trying to attract "Jimmy's" attention but was unable to do so; that he then drove around the block and when he came back to the Commodore Perry Hotel, "Jimmy" was gone.

[REDACTED] advised that Jimmy does not know that May and Mike are living in Toledo and that if he did know that they were there he would drop in to see them. [REDACTED] further stated that she feels sure that Ted Angus would know Nelson possibly by the name of "Little Jimmy" and that their present plans are to have May and Mike leave word with Ted Angus that if this "Jimmy" comes to town, to tell him that May and Mike are living in Toledo and to give him their address and ask him to drop out.

[REDACTED] stated that this was the only information she was able to furnish that if she obtained any additional information she would communicate with the Chicago Office.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM:bas
cc - Division

W. J. Murphy
Special Agent

P. O. Box 2110
Detroit, Michigan
November 23, 1934

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Inspector S. P. Cowley
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers' Building
Chicago, Illinois

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. 1618;
ARTHUR R. CHAPPER, with aliases, I.O. 1619;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases I.O. 1228;
RUSSELL BIRSON, with aliases, I.O. 1615; et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - VICTIM
Kidnapping

Dear Sir:

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Please be advised that Special Agent J. L.
Murphy of this Office yesterday afternoon contacted
Informant [REDACTED] at Toledo, and I am transmitting
herewith copies of a memorandum prepared by Agent Murphy,
showing the result of the interview.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Larson
Special Agent in Charge

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

November 16, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Baughman
Chief Clerk
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Cowley
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Egan
Mr. Harbo
Mr. Keith
Mr. Lester
Mr. Quinn
Mr. Schindler
Mr. Tamm
Mr. Tracy
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I talked with Mr. Alt at Jacksonville relative to the lead in the Bremer case at Miami. Mr. Alt stated that in the report of Agent in Charge Larson of the Detroit office dated September 28, 1934, there was a request that all offices place a stop against a 1934 V-8 Coupe, Motor #18-1037480 on which Ohio bill of sale was issued with 1934 Ohio license tags 7-11698, noting that this license was issued to Charles M. Bronson, who is either Alvin Karpis or Fred Barker; that on the date of the receipt of this report he requested the Motor Vehicle Commissioner at Tallahassee to place a skip card against this automobile and to advise that office in the event application was made for either title or tag in the State of Florida; that by telegram dated November 14, 1934, the Motor Vehicle Commissioner advised him that application for transfer of title to cover the Ford Coupe from Charles M. Bronson to Duke Randell, El Commodore Hotel, Miami had been made; that he immediately got in touch with Agent Roger Main in Miami, who, since that time has been looking for the automobile and the owners of same, at the El Commodore Hotel; that today he (Alt) learned from the Motor Vehicle Commissioner that license tag 202978 had been issued to Duke Randell at the El Commodore Hotel in Miami; that he furnished this information immediately to Main and that he (Main) told Mr. Alt that he, with four police officers, who were cooperating with the Jacksonville office one hundred percent, had obtained information that this car was in Florida; that the El Commodore Hotel was formerly a reputable house, but now is a joint for racketeers and undesirables; that Duke Randell is registered in that hotel in room 1102; that this information had been furnished Agent Main through an informant in the hotel, who is also an informant of the police; that Randell is accompanied by a man whose name is believed to be Trotsky, although it is doubtful if this is the correct name of the individual; that Randell is at the El Commodore tonight, but Trotsky is away with the car; that Main and the officers have been able to observe Randell and Main does not think that he resembles Barker, but Sergeant of Detectives Frank Mitchell, Auto Theft Bureau, Miami, thinks that Randell's general description and his facial expression fits Karpis, although he is somewhat heavier. Mr. Alt advised that his reason for not informing the Division sooner relative to the above information was due to the fact that he was not actually sure the car was in Florida and that he wished to verify this information before asking for additional help. Mr. Alt further stated that Trotsky has not been seen by anyone except [REDACTED] informant at the El Commodore Hotel. I told Mr. Alt that we would try to send him additional men at once to aid on this investigation.

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NOV 30 1934 Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm.

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November 26, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. O.
#1219; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases,
I. O. #1232; RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases,
I. O. #1213, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREWER -
Victim Kidnapping

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to the personal and confidential letter from the Oklahoma City office addressed to the Division under date of November 14, 1934, in the above entitled case, reflecting information obtained from confidential informant [REDACTED]. It is noted that [REDACTED] discusses one Charles or George Dufek, who at one time served sentences in the Leavenworth and Joliet Penitentiaries and is reported to have become acquainted with Subjects Barker during the time he served these sentences.

An examination of the files of the Identification Unit do not disclose a record of Charles or George Dufek as having served sentences in either of these institutions, but a record of an individual of the same name was located showing [REDACTED]

Description of this individual appearing on the print received in the Identification Unit is as follows:

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It is possible that this individual at one time served a sentence at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary where he may have become acquainted with Arthur R. Barker. Information with respect to the arrest of Dufek was telegraphically furnished your office under date of November 23, 1934.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Mr. R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida.

Dear Sir:

I wanted to express to you my extreme displeasure at the manner in which leads in the Bremer Kidnapping Case were handled through your office at Miami, Florida. I feel that you should have immediately advised the Division when the first information was received by you in this case, in order not only that the Division might be fully advised as to the developments in your district, but also in order that the Division might coordinate and supervise your activities in relation to the leads pending in other districts. Your statement to Mr. Tamm by long distance telephone that you did not desire to advise the Division of these leads until something tangible had been developed, is not satisfactory. By waiting until considerable time had passed before advising Mr. Cowley in Chicago of the developments in your district and requesting additional help, you wasted precious time which could undoubtedly have been used to great advantage if the Division had known of the leads in your district and thereby been enabled to send additional Agents to Miami.

I am unable to understand why Agent Main in Miami called upon local officials to assist us in this case since it does not appear that there was any need for this procedure. The Division's investigative work is to be carried on by the Division's agents. I realize, of course, that there are circumstances growing out of emergency situations, particularly where raids are to be conducted which require the assistance of local officers, but these circumstances did not exist in the situation at Miami.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Special Agent in Charge Larson telephoned from Detroit to request authority to pay the Polk Publishing Company of Detroit, publishers of city directories, at the rate of \$4.75 per thousand to address envelopes to all gas stations in the States of Ohio and Michigan, totaling between \$50 and \$60 for all 13,000 stations. The publishing company will furnish the Detroit Office with lists of gas stations for any desired state at the rate of \$8.00 per thousand yet on the other hand will address envelopes at the rate of \$4.75 per thousand. Mr. Larson stated that he preferred the latter arrangement which is cheaper and after the envelopes have been addressed he will then have the Detroit Office prepare lists from the envelopes for future use. He stated that he proposes to mail out Identification Orders on Robinson in the Stoll case. I advised Larson that his request would be acted on immediately and he would be telegraphically advised.

Mr. Larson further stated that the same arrangement could be made for the State of Indiana and he would communicate with the Indianapolis Office and suggest that no action be taken for the present in that district with regard to circularising gas stations until after the Division had passed upon his proposal.

With regard to the investigation in the Bremer case, Mr. Larson stated that Agent Murphy contacted confidential informant [REDACTED] yesterday and although she had obtained no information with respect to the Barker-Karpis gang, she has learned that the people with whom she is now living know Nelson and that from the information furnished by these people she recalls having met Nelson at Reno, Nevada some time ago where she, [REDACTED] knew him as "Little Jimmie". [REDACTED] woman has also learned that Nelson is acquainted with Ted and Bert Angus of Toledo, Ohio and was reported to have been seen in that vicinity either ten days or ten weeks ago. Mr. Larson was not positive on this, stating that Agent Murphy had not yet returned with all the details.

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In response to my inquiries, Mr. Larson stated that the investigation concerning Doc Barker's girl friend, Mildred, and Al Yonkers alias G. W. Woods had been negative so far.

Respectfully,

R. E. HENRY

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Washington, D. C.

November 9, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

There is submitted hereunder a list and description of the unidentified latent fingerprints remaining in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnapping. These data are being furnished you for record purposes and in the event you may wish to relay the information to interested Field Offices.

S-1² Sixty-six latent fingerprints developed in connection with the original ransom notes. Of these, only nineteen are of value for positive identification, the remainder being of questionable value.

S-2 One latent fingerprint developed on a Chevrolet coupe used by pay-off man received from St. Paul office under date of February 10, 1934. Also four latent prints developed on "Shell" sign used on this car.

S-1² One fragmentary print of questionable value developed on gasoline can forwarded by St. Paul office under date of February 14, 1934.

Chic Thirty-five latent fingerprints and two fragmentary palmar impressions developed on articles found in an apartment at 7137 Yates Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, forwarded by Chicago office under date of May 19, 1934.

S-1² One latent print found at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, received from St. Paul office under date of May 27, 1934.

Chic Eight latent prints, three of which are of questionable value, developed on articles found in an apartment occupied by Helen Christman alias Helen Ferguson, received from Chicago office with letters of August 22 and August 25, 1934.

Det Five latent fingerprints developed on a getaway road chart found in an apartment at 4419 West 171st Street, Cleveland, Ohio, received from the Chicago office under date of September 10, 1934.

Det Two latent prints, developed on two cartridge clips for a .45 caliber Colt Automatic revolver found in an apartment at 7009 Franklin Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio, and forwarded by the Detroit office under cover of a letter dated at Chicago September 14, 1934

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Three latent fingerprints developed in an apartment at 3973 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, received from the Detroit office under date of September 19, 1934.

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Memo for Mr. Tamm.

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One fragmentary print of questionable value developed on an automobile window handle received from the Kansas City office with their letter of September 27, 1934.

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One fragmentary print of questionable value developed on "Snug Harbor" whiskey bottle received from the St. Paul office under date of October 3, 1934.

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Two latent fingerprints of questionable value because of their very fragmentary nature and one palmar fragment developed in the apartment of Catherine Barker at 7269 South Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois, received from the Chicago office under date of October 20, 1934.

Respectfully,

E P Coffey
E. P. Coffey.

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Special Agent in Charge,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I. C. #1818;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I. C.
#1819; WESSELL GIBSON with aliases, I. C.
#1813; DR. JOSEPH P. MORSE with aliases,
I. C. #1832, et al - EDWARD GEORGE BREWER -
Victim; Kidnapping.

Dear Sir:

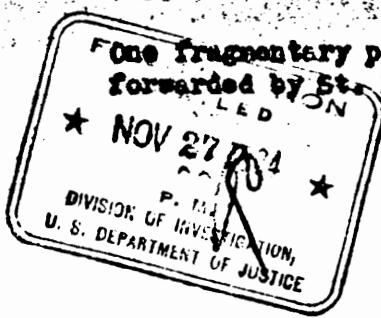
From time to time the Division has been furnished with latent fingerprints in connection with the above entitled case and, in several instances, these fingerprints have been identified and the Field Offices notified. There remains, however, a number of unidentified latent fingerprints which are set out below under the name of the respective Field Offices which submitted them to the Division. Your office, as well as the Chicago, Detroit and Kansas City Offices, should give immediate consideration to the unidentified latents with a view to suggesting additional names to be compared, or obtaining and furnishing the Division copies of fingerprints of persons who may have handled the object from which the latents were obtained, in order to possibly eliminate some of the remaining unidentified latent prints.

ST. PAUL OFFICE

Sixty-six latent fingerprints developed in connection with the original ransom notes. Of these, only nineteen are of value for positive identification, the remainder being of questionable value.

One latent fingerprint developed on a Chevrolet coupe used by pay-off man received from St. Paul office under date of February 10, 1934. Also four latent prints developed on "Shell" sign used on this car.

One fragmentary print of questionable value developed on gasoline can forwarded by St. Paul office under date of February 14, 1934.



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One latent print found at 204 Vernon Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, received from St. Paul office under date of May 27, 1934.

One fragmentary print of questionable value developed on "Young Harbor" whiskey bottle received from the St. Paul office under date of October 5, 1934.

CHICAGO OFFICE

Thirty-five latent fingerprints and two fragmentary palmar impressions developed on articles found in an apartment at 7157 Yates Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, forwarded by Chicago office under date of May 10, 1934.

Eight latent prints, three of which are of questionable value, developed on articles found in an apartment occupied by Helen Christian alias Helen Ferguson, received from Chicago office with letters of August 22 and August 25, 1934.

Two latent fingerprints of questionable value because of their very fragmentary nature and one palmar fragment developed in the apartment of Catherine Barker at 7260 South Shore Drive, Chicago, Illinois, received from the Chicago office under date of October 20, 1934.

DETROIT OFFICE

Five latent fingerprints developed on a getaway road chart found in an apartment at 4419 West 17th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, received from the Chicago office under date of September 10, 1934.

Two latent prints, developed on two cartridge slips for a .45 caliber Colt Automatic revolver found in an apartment at 7009 Franklin Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio, and forwarded by the Detroit office under cover of a letter dated at Chicago September 14, 1934.

Three latent fingerprints developed in an apartment at 3073 West 140th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, received from the Detroit office under date of September 19, 1934.

KANSAS CITY OFFICE

One fragmentary print of questionable value developed on an automobile window handle received from the Kansas City office with their letter of September 27, 1934.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box #1156,

Omaha, Nebraska.

November 27, 1934.

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I. O. #1218;
Arthur R. Barker, with aliases, I. O. #1219;
Russell Gibson, with aliases, I. O. 1213;
Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases, I. O. #1232;
et al. Edward George Bremer - Victim.
Kidnaping. Omaha File #7-4

With reference to the temporary Identification Orders issued in the above matter, these Orders have been left with the Police Departments at Omaha, Nebraska, and at Sioux City and Des Moines, Iowa, where the records were searched for additional criminal records.

I am informed through the Police Department at Des Moines, Iowa, that the picture appearing on the Identification Order for Clyde Nimerick, #8742, was taken at the Kansas State Penitentiary in 1925. A more recent picture has been furnished the Division through Des Moines Police Department #9024, which was taken in 1932 and is a better likeness.

With reference to the Identification Order on Myrtle Eaton, the picture used on said Order is St. Paul #22402, taken in December 1930, whereas a later picture of her was taken by the Des Moines Police Department early in 1932, under the name of Alice Martin alias Myrtle King, Des Moines Police Department #5805. This later picture, which was also furnished the Division, is believed to be a much better photograph.

Very truly yours,

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WERNER HANNI,

Special Agent in Charge.

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November 27, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Washington, D. C.

In Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1288
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1289
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases,
I.O. #1292, et al
Edward George Bremer - Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

With reference to the above entitled matter the Kansas City Office is interested in obtaining further information concerning one Dr. G. E. Richter, chiropractor, presently operating a clinic at Olathe Springs, Kansas.

Information has been received to the effect that this individual was formerly a laboratory technician in the Army during the World War. For some time after he resided at Abilene, Kansas.

It is requested that your Office check the records of the War Department and, if available, obtain a copy of this individual's fingerprints causing them to be placed in the files of the Identification Unit of this Division and a search made to ascertain whether or not this individual has a prior criminal record. In the event such a criminal record is disclosed the interested offices to which carbon copies of this communication are being directed, should be notified.

Very truly yours,

R. D. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

November 27, 1934

Mr. Chas. Hoover, Sheriff,
Wichita, Kansas.

Attention: Don Robles

Dear Sir:

This office desires to obtain the arrest record and photograph, if available, of Herman Liles of Arkansas City, Kansas who is believed to have been arrested some time back, for violation of the National Prohibition Act and to have been lodged in the Sedgwick County Jail at Wichita, Kansas while awaiting trial. It will be appreciated, therefore, if you would advise this office your arrest number, if any, of this individual and the date his fingerprints were forwarded to the Identification Unit of this Division at Washington, D. C.

It will also be appreciated if you will forward a photograph of this individual, if available, to this Office.

Thanking you for this and past favors, I am,

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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November 28, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,

Birmingham, Alabama. - All Field Offices

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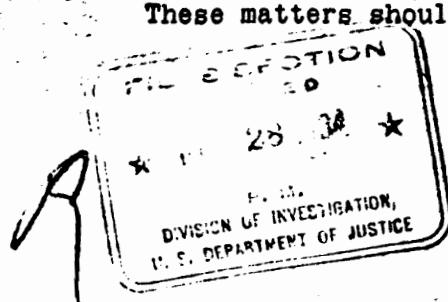
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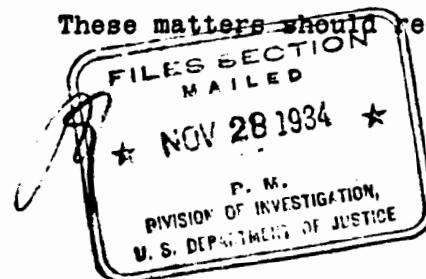
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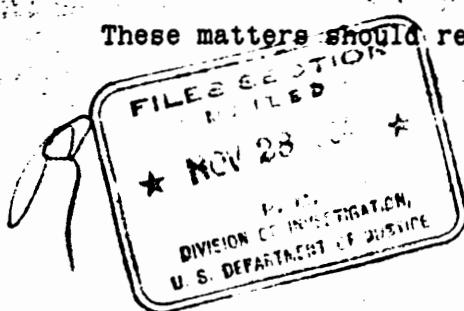
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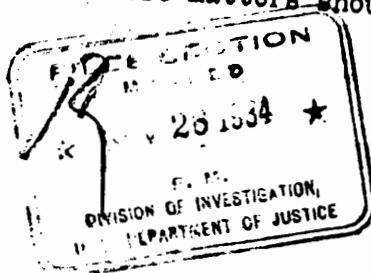
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November 28, 1934

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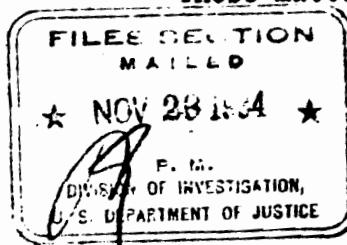
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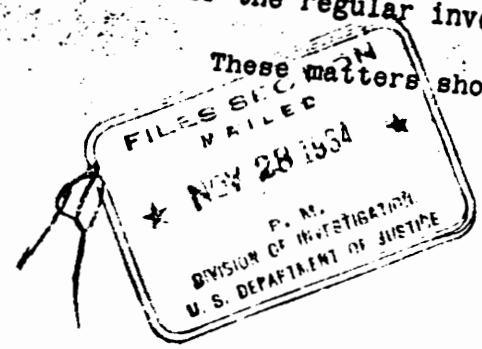
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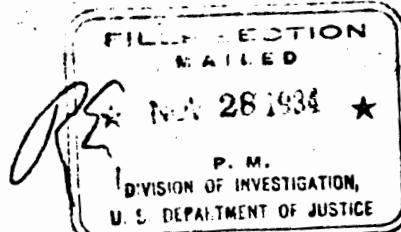
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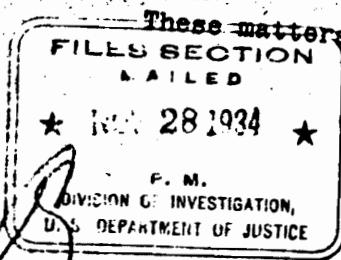
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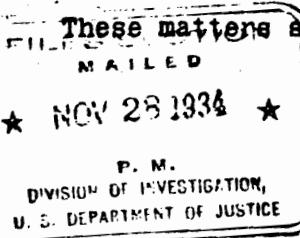
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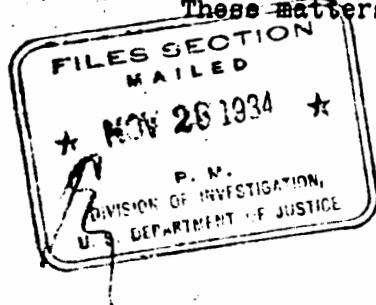
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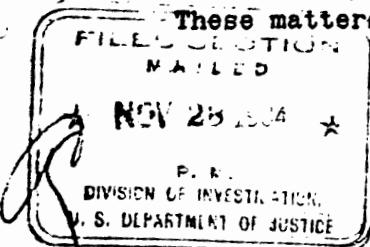
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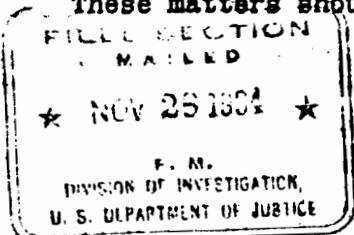
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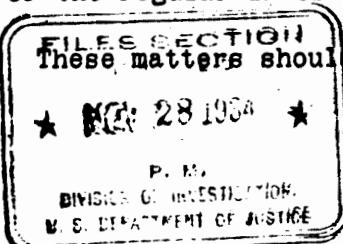
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REN:MC

November 28, 1934.

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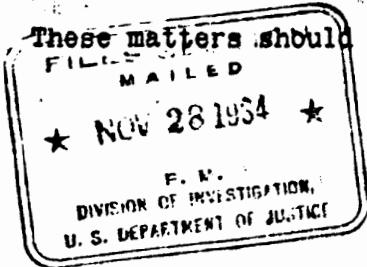
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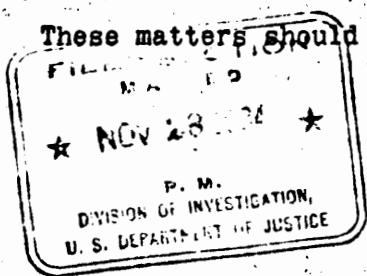
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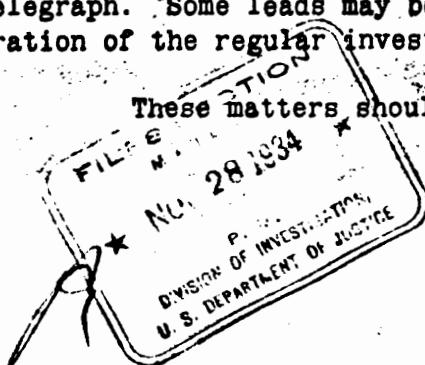
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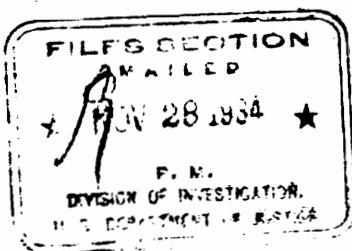
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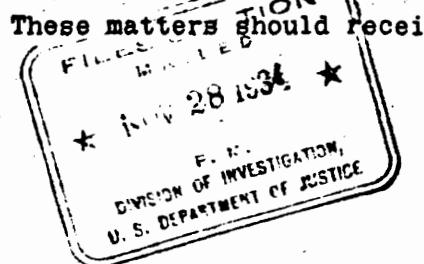
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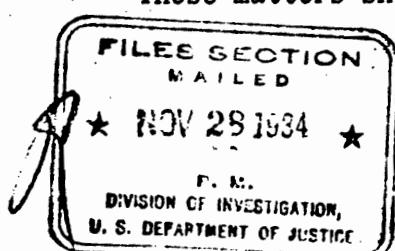
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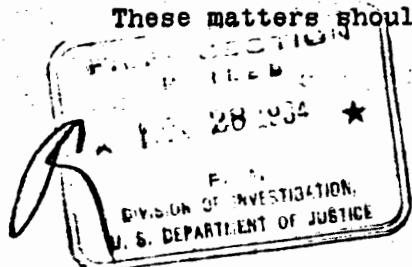
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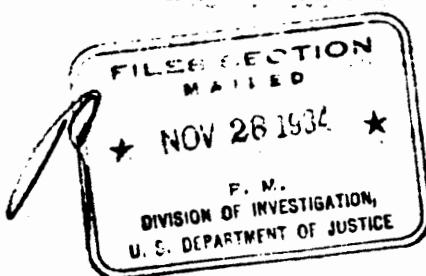
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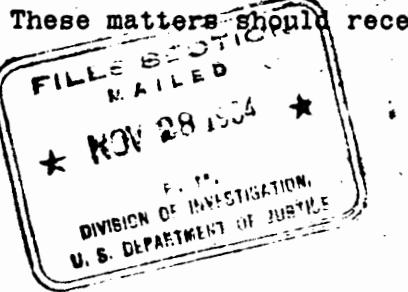
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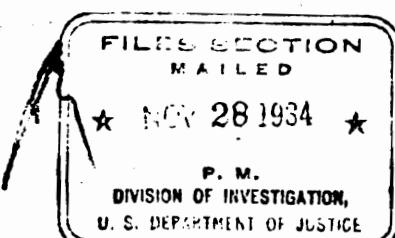
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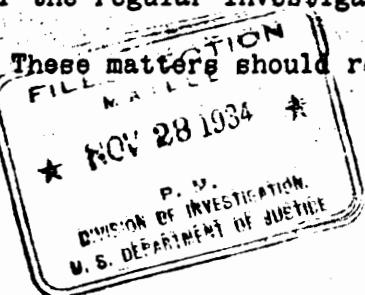
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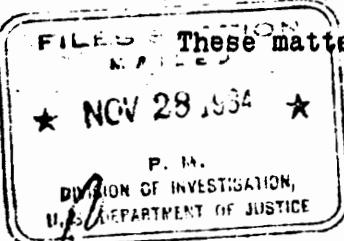
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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

November 27, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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In Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #218
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #218
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #218
Edward George Bremer - Victim
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to information recently received from confidential informant [REDACTED] as set forth in Division letter dated October 25, 1934 to the El Paso Division Office, enclosing letter dated October 19, 1934 from the El Paso Division Office to the Division and also letter to the Division from the Oklahoma City Division Office dated October 14, 1934; also to report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan dated at Kansas City, Missouri November 17, 1934 and particularly to page nine thereof relative to investigation made at Kansas City, Kansas in an effort to identify one Herman Stiles, Post Office Box 409.

Special Agent R. G. Reed of this Office, while at Hutchinson, Kansas on another matter, noted that an individual named Herman Stiles and Dr. C. E. Richter registered at the Chalmers Hotel, September 23, 1934, both occupying the same room, #217. The home address of these two individuals was given as Arkansas City. Through Chief of Detectives Ben Jones of the Hutchinson, Kansas Police Department, discreet inquiries were made of the clerks at the hotel, the hotel itself being known as the stopping place for questionable characters, and it was ascertained that clerk Glenn Diggs was on duty at the time these two individuals registered and that he is acquainted with Dr. C. E. Richter by sight; that Richter frequently stops at the Chalmers Hotel; that on September 23, 1934 Richter was driving a Ford sedan with trailer attached and that Richter introduced Glenn Diggs to Herman Stiles; that Richter and Stiles engaged in considerable conversation whether or not to detach the trailer from their automobile in order to take in a night club.

It should be noted that this information was obtained while Agent Reed was endeavoring to ascertain whether Ralph Roe with aliases, subject in the case entitled RALPH ROE with aliases [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and registered at this hotel with a woman who had been identified as Hazel Hudson, alias Hazel Jarrett, consort of Wilber Underhill, deceased. According to Raymond Roe of 1828 North Monroe Street, Hutchinson, Kansas, his brother, Ralph Roe, was staying at this hotel

for about a week prior to September 27, 1934. If there is any truth in informant [redacted] statements that Herman Stiles and some individual named C. L. Richter (who may be Dr. C. L. Richter), there may be some significance in the fact that Richter and Stiles were at Hutchinson, Kansas, at the same time Ralph Roe was there but, however, no registration of Ralph Roe at the Chalmers Hotel could be found although clerk Edward Moler identified the photograph of Ralph Roe as an individual he has seen at the hotel at some time although he could not recall when, the hotel used by Roe or whether or not Roe had registered or lived at this hotel.

At Arkansas City, Kansas, discreet inquiries were made by Agent Reed in order to obtain further information regarding Herman Stiles and Dr. C. L. Richter through Post Master L. B. Moler of that city. Mr. Moler was advised that any inquiries regarding these two individuals should be treated in strictest confidence which he agreed to do. He stated that Herman Stiles rents Post Office Box #39 at Arkansas City, Kansas. It is possible that informant [redacted] misunderstood the name of the town when he stated that Herman Stiles could be located through Post Office Box #39, Kansas City, Kansas, this undoubtedly being Arkansas City, Kansas. Moler stated Stiles formerly operated the Dodge Garage, just north of the Dodge Hotel which is the largest hotel in Arkansas City, Kansas; that for the past four or five years Stiles has been out of the garage business and has been operating as a well known bootlegger. His residence is at Arkansas City, Kansas. He is believed to be driving a brown colored 1933 or 1934 Ford V-8 sedan. He is described as follows:

Age	20 to 30 years
Height	5' 9"
Weight	160 - 185 lbs.
Eyes	Light
Complexion	Sandy
Hair	Light colored

Dr. C. L. Richter, according to Moler, is a chiropractor located at Guda Springs, Kansas. He has been at Guda Springs for about two years. He is said to have been a laboratory technician in the United States Army during the War. Thereafter he lived for some time in Abilene, Kansas where he abandoned his wife and several children several years back and ran away with a nurse in a local hospital re-appearing in Arkansas City and Guda Springs; presumably he had obtained a divorce from his first wife and is now living with the aforementioned nurse. He attempted to sell stock of his clinic in Arkansas City about a year ago in order to buy a "fever" machine used in the chiropractic treatment of erysipelas cases but this effort failed and he stated that certain recovery actions were instituted by Fred Leach in the Union State Bank, Arkansas City, Kansas at which time certain property of the clinic was attached. As a result Leach and Richter are supposed to be bed friends and Richter lead a movement to defeat Leach when he recently ran for Post Commander of the local American Legion which was successful. It may be if further inquiries are made, Leach will be a good source of information.

So far as Moler was aware Stiles and Richter are not associates. Moler stated, however, that Richter does not bear a particularly good reputation and is undoubtedly a "quack" doctor. He described Richter as:

Age	40 to 50 years
Height	5' 9"
Weight	175 - 180 lbs.
Hair	Full head of hair but he could not recall the color or whether it is gray.

He stated that Richter presents a nice looking distinguished appearance. He stated that if Richter was an associate of Herman Stiles, he undoubtedly would contact Stiles at the Walnut Lunch, 109 East Walnut Street, Arkansas City, Kansas inasmuch as this is Stiles' and a good many other bootleggers in the community, headquarters. Moler also advised that Stiles obtains his alcohol from Lee Deere and Fred Deere who are the local beer barons who operate several road houses in and about Arkansas and whose places were recently closed as a result of an active war waged by the local Ministerial Alliance about which there has been considerable publicity inasmuch as the local prosecutor and sheriff caused these ministers to be arrested for printing certain articles in the newspaper relative to the alleged connections of the prosecutor and sheriff with Lee and Fred Deere.

Chief of Police Lester Richardson was contacted by Agent Rod and asked to treat any inquiries with confidence which he promised to do. As soon as inquiry was made regarding Herman Stiles, Chief Richardson volunteered the information that he had recently been contacted by a Secret Service Operative from Kansas City, name unknown, but described as being medium size, who had advised him that the Secret Service is in receipt of information from a confidential informant [redacted] to the effect that Herman Stiles had recently motored to old Mexico where he had obtained \$2500.00 in counterfeit \$10.00 bills which had been brought to Arkansas City in the hub of his automobile. This money was obtained by Stiles at the Silver Dollar Saloon in Juarez, Mexico; that these bills are defective in that instead of being issued by Federal Reserve District 12 (as printed on the bills) they should have the numeral 11. Chief Richardson advised that he was attempting to keep a close eye on Stiles and that he had information that Stiles frequently leaves his house about five o'clock in the morning and drives west on highway 166. He stated that he has never before heard the name of Dr. Richter linked with that of Herman Stiles but it may be possible that Stiles was driving west on highway 166 to Richter's residence in Geda Springs. Richardson advised that several years ago he arrested Stiles on a Federal Prohibition charge and turned Stiles over to United States Deputy Marshal Frank Boone at Wichita, Kansas and that he understands Stiles is now awaiting trial on that charge but is free on bond. He stated he did not secure fingerprints or photograph of Stiles at the time but believes these could be secured from the Sheriff's office at Wichita, Kansas.

Chief Richardson advised that he does not know any one in Arkansas City by the name of G. L. Walker or G. L. Murdock. The city directory, postal directory and the city telephone directory do not list a G. L. Walker. There is an E. C. Walker at 1425 South M Street, telephone number 1848-J who has a Post Office Box #53. According to Post Master Holer this man has lived in Arkansas City all his life and has a good reputation. No further inquiries were made at Arkansas City inasmuch as it was not deemed advisable. It is believed that Dr. G. L. Richter may be the G. L. Walker, alias Murdock, mentioned by informant [redacted].

The Kansas City Office will secure photograph and fingerprint data regarding Herman Stiles from the Sheriff's office at Wichita, Kansas and is also writing the Washington Field Office to ascertain whether prints are available of Dr. G. L. Richter to obtain his criminal record, if any. The Kansas City Office will also make inquiry of W. H. Davenport, Operative in charge of the local office of the Secret Service, to obtain any information they may have regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

R. B. MATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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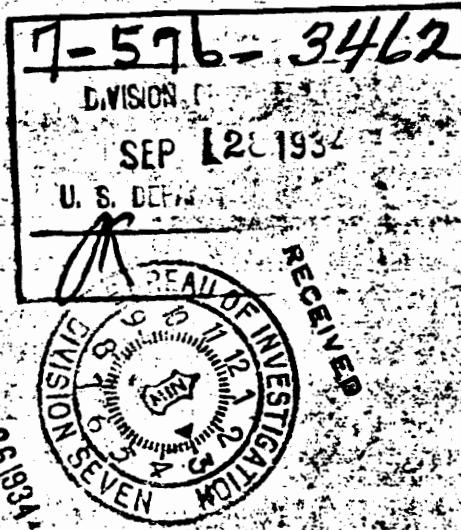
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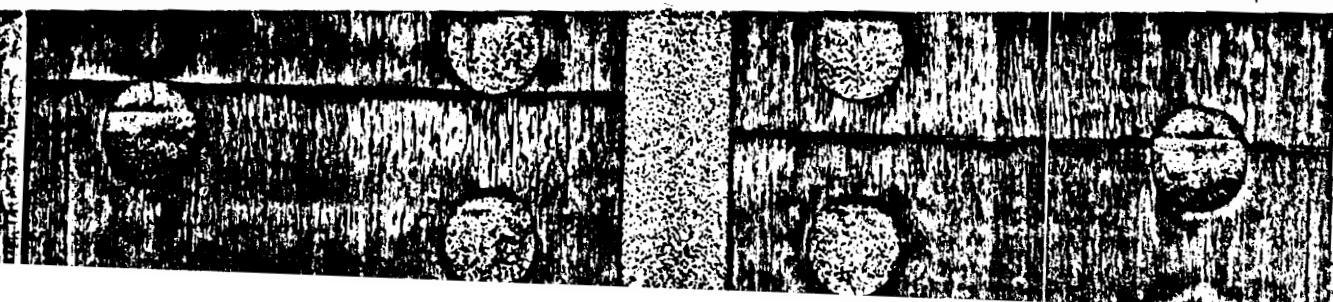
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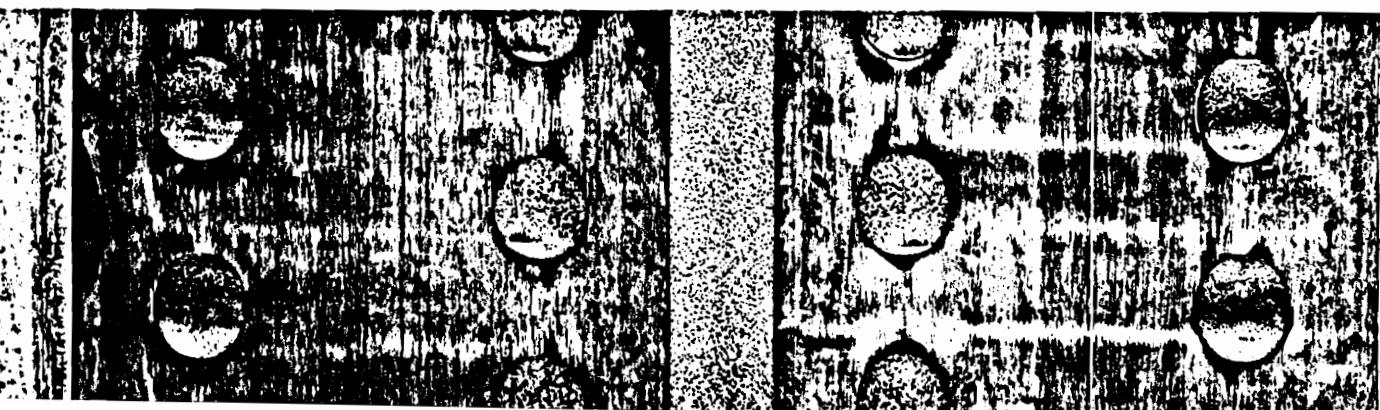
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P. O. Box 536
Los Angeles, California
November 26, 1934.

Henry B. H. Briggs,
Postmaster,
Los Angeles, California.

ALVIN KARPIS

Kidnapping

Re: L. A. File 9-42.

Dear Sir:-

question relative to certain portions of the
Living, 15-512 South Westlakq AVENUE, LOS AN-

Will you kindly place a cover on all mail going to this office, address for a period of seven weeks and furnish this office with tracings of mail received?

Thanking you for your cooperation, I remain,

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNN,
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 4907
Jacksonville, Florida

RAJAHAM.

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November 28, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
1900 Bankers' Building
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sirs:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS - WITH ALIASES - I.O. 1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases I.O. 1219
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases - I.O. 1215
DR. JOSEPH MORAN with aliases I.O. 1232
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Receipt is acknowledged of Inspector Cowley's letter of November 20, 1934, enclosing photograph of WILLIAM J. HARRISON, Hammond Police Department Number 1829, requesting that investigation be made at various race tracks during the winter season within the district of the Jacksonville Office, and at taverns and other hangouts frequented by followers of the race tracks, for the purpose of locating Harrison and other members of the Karpis-Barker gang.

It is respectfully requested that at least three dozen additional photographs of Harrison be forwarded to the Jacksonville Office for our use in the investigation of this case.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division of Investigation,
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(Name and address of Contributor)

Date November 2, 1934.

Mr. J. E. Hoover,
Director, Bureau of Investigation,
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

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Very truly yours,

D. M. LADD
Special Agent in Charge, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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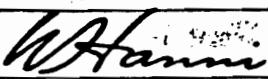
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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1215.		CHARACTER OF CASE	
		KIDNAPING	
<p>O et al EDWARD GEORGE BREWER VICTIM.</p> <p>SYNOPSIS or FACTS:</p> <p>I. C. Perry Wolfson, Sioux City, Iowa was booking agent for the Philbrick Orchestra and but recently broke off business relations with Larry Philbrick. Mr. Wolfson is manager of the Roof Garden, at Sioux City, and employed the Philbrick Orchestra for two weeks beginning 10/20/34. Larry Philbrick is said to be presently residing at Des Moines, Iowa. Informant advised Wolfson bears a good reputation and his association with Philbrick was entirely of a business nature.</p> <p>-P-</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent R. P. Shanahan, Kansas City, November 17, 1934.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: At Sioux City, Iowa</p> <p>Agent interviewed Mark Scobell, Manager of the Rigadon Ballroom, to establish the identity of the person referred to in the leads for this office, in reference report, as Wolferson, alias Carl Perry. It was found that the individual described in the reference report is I. C. PERRY WOLFSON, Manager of the Roof Garden, located on the top floor of the Commerce Building, at Sioux City, Iowa. Mr. Scobell advised that Wolfson is a well known character at Sioux City and is a promoter of sporting events and has managed various dance halls.</p>			
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Mr. Scobell

informed [redacted] that WOLFSON can really be considered a high-class Jew, that he has a splendid reputation at Sioux City, has a good credit rating and on numerous occasions had paid the debts of persons with whom he was associated in some boxing contest or sporting proposition, when Mr. Wolfson was only obligated to pay his share.

Mr. Scobell advised that WOLFSON has never been in any trouble; that a few months ago, the Manager of the Commerce Building, looking for a reliable man, employed Wolfson to operate the Rigodon Ballroom, which is a roof garden in summer and is run as a dance hall in the winter months. The Commerce Building has a good class of tenants and included among them is the Chamber of Commerce, which has its club rooms in this building.

Miss Helen Jarrott, Secretary to the rental agent of the Commerce Building, advised that they regarded Mr. Wolfson very highly as he is honest, pays his bills promptly and is considered a man of good morals. Mr. Wolfson is married, has no children and his wife is manager of the leading beauty parlor in Sioux City, located in the department store of T. S. Martin Company. Miss Jarrott advised that Mr. Wolfson managed the Roof Garden from September to December, 1932 and then gave it up to assume the management of Riverview Park, a large amusement center on the outskirts of Sioux City, near the State line of South Dakota. Miss Jarrott advised that during the summer of 1934, Mr. Wolfson entered into an agreement with LARRY PHILBRICK to act as the booking agent for Philbrick's Orchestra and he secured many engagements for this orchestra but finally became disgusted with Philbrick, as he is a drunkard, a man of low morals and irresponsible.

Mr. Wolfson booked the Philbrick Orchestra on October 20, 1934 to open the season at the Roof Garden and after two weeks, he discharged Philbrick as the orchestra was made up of poor musicians and he found Philbrick was not attending to business. Miss Jarrott advised that several times Mr. Wolfson advised her that the original Philbrick Orchestra was considered good, but as the latter became a "dead beat" and did not pay his men, they quit him and he now only has mediocre musicians in his orchestra.

Miss Jarrott advised that a Mrs. Mary Cox, from St. Joseph, Missouri, is the only woman traveling with the orchestra and she is a singer and from her actions and events that have transpired, she is on intimate terms with Philbrick. She learned from Wolfson that the husband of Mrs. Cox came to Sioux City for his wife and at the railroad station

found Philbrick there, who attempted to talk to Mrs. Cox; that Mr. Cox pulled a gun and pointing it at Philbrick, threatened to shoot him; that several days after this event, Mrs. Cox at Saint Joseph, wired Philbrick for funds to come to Sioux City and he evidently complied with this request as she came to Sioux City and again joined the Philbrick Orchestra. Miss Jarrott had noticed three hard-looking women hanging around the members of the orchestra and they appeared to be on quite friendly terms with the musicians.

Miss Jarrott, in speaking of the present whereabouts of Philbrick, stated the Ford Bus used by the Philbrick Orchestra when traveling on the road, which bears an advertisement of the M. K. Goetz Brewing Company of Saint Joseph, Missouri, is owned by this concern and was loaned to Philbrick; therefore, the officials of this company should, no doubt, know where to locate Philbrick at all times. Miss Jarrott said Philbrick left Sioux City around November 4, 1934 and is staying at the Cargill Hotel in Des Moines, Iowa; and several members of the orchestra are also staying there.

At the conclusion of the interview, Miss Jarrott stated that Wolfson would be more than glad to furnish any information with reference to Philbrick; that the latter owes Mr. Wolfson \$180.00, which he never expects to get.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

OMAHA DIVISION OFFICE: At Des Moines, Iowa; it will be noted herein that Larry Philbrick is said to be presently residing at the Cargill Hotel, and in this connection, attention is directed to the lead in the reference report for this office, relative to Philbrick. If any difficulty is experienced in locating Philbrick, it is suggested a lead be set out for the Kansas City Office to interview the officials of the M. K. Goetz Brewing Company, St. Joseph, Missouri, for his present address.

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Room 2403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York, N.Y.

November 20, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge
Birmingham, Alabama.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219;
EDGAR G. GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1213;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, I.O. #1232, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - VICTIM.
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

This is to confirm your telephone conversation, held on November 20, 1934, with Assistant Special Agent in Charge R. Whitley, during which you requested information concerning the party to whom 1934 New Jersey license plate D-1580 was issued; that this plate is presently on a 1931 Ford Cabriolet automobile in Miami, Florida.

Assistant Special Agent in Charge Whitley was informed by the Motor Vehicle Bureau at Trenton, N.J. that the plate in question is a Dealer's license; that it is not issued for any particular car; that such plates are merely issued to automobile dealers; that the plate D-1580 was issued to the Select Used Cars, Inc. (used automobile dealers), 373 Central Ave., Newark, N.J.

Special Agent F. E. Wright ascertained at Newark that one Leonard Codomo is the owner of the Select Used Cars, Inc., located at the above address; that the plate in question was issued to this concern. Leonard Codomo informed Agent Wright that when he applied for Dealer's Plates, he was assigned serial number D-1549, and in all, five plates were forwarded to him, that is to say, each of the five plates carried a ~~number~~ serial number from 1 to 5 inclusive; that he had never received a plate with the number D-1580.

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Codomo accounted for plates number 1, 3 or 4, and stated that his brother, Gregory I. Codomo, had left Newark on or about the 6th of November, 1934, for Miami, Florida in a 1931 Ford cabriolet automobile, bearing license plates FD-1580-2, or FD-1580-3; that his brother Gregory is presently staying at the El Comodoro Motel at Miami, Florida; that the purpose of Gregory's trip to Florida is to purchase used automobiles for the Select Used Cars, Inc. and that he will probably remain in Florida for two more weeks.

The following description of Gregory was secured by Agent Wright:

Age	36
Height	5'6 1/2"
Weight	190
Build	Stocky
Hair	Dark; partly bald.
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Tan

Agent Wright stated that the Select Used Cars, Inc. appears to be a second rate place; that the proprietor, Leonard Codomo, stated that his concern sends out representatives for the purpose of buying up used cars in various parts of the southern United States. Agent Wright advised that while he was in Codomo's place, several automobiles were brought in, some of which were recently purchased in Pennsylvania, and one of which bore the license B-1580-3.

The above information was telephonically furnished to Special Agent in Charge Hansen at the Alcazar Hotel, Miami, Florida, November 20, 1934.

Very truly yours,

F. L. FAY
Special Agent in Charge

cc Division
cc St. Paul
cc Chicago

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER

DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

November 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby, I am transmitting herewith eight copies of abstract of criminal record, together with eleven copies each of ~~finger~~ prints and photographs, as appearing in the files of the Identification Unit of Russell Huston, our file #750030.

Respectfully,

L.C.Schilder

L. C. Schilder.

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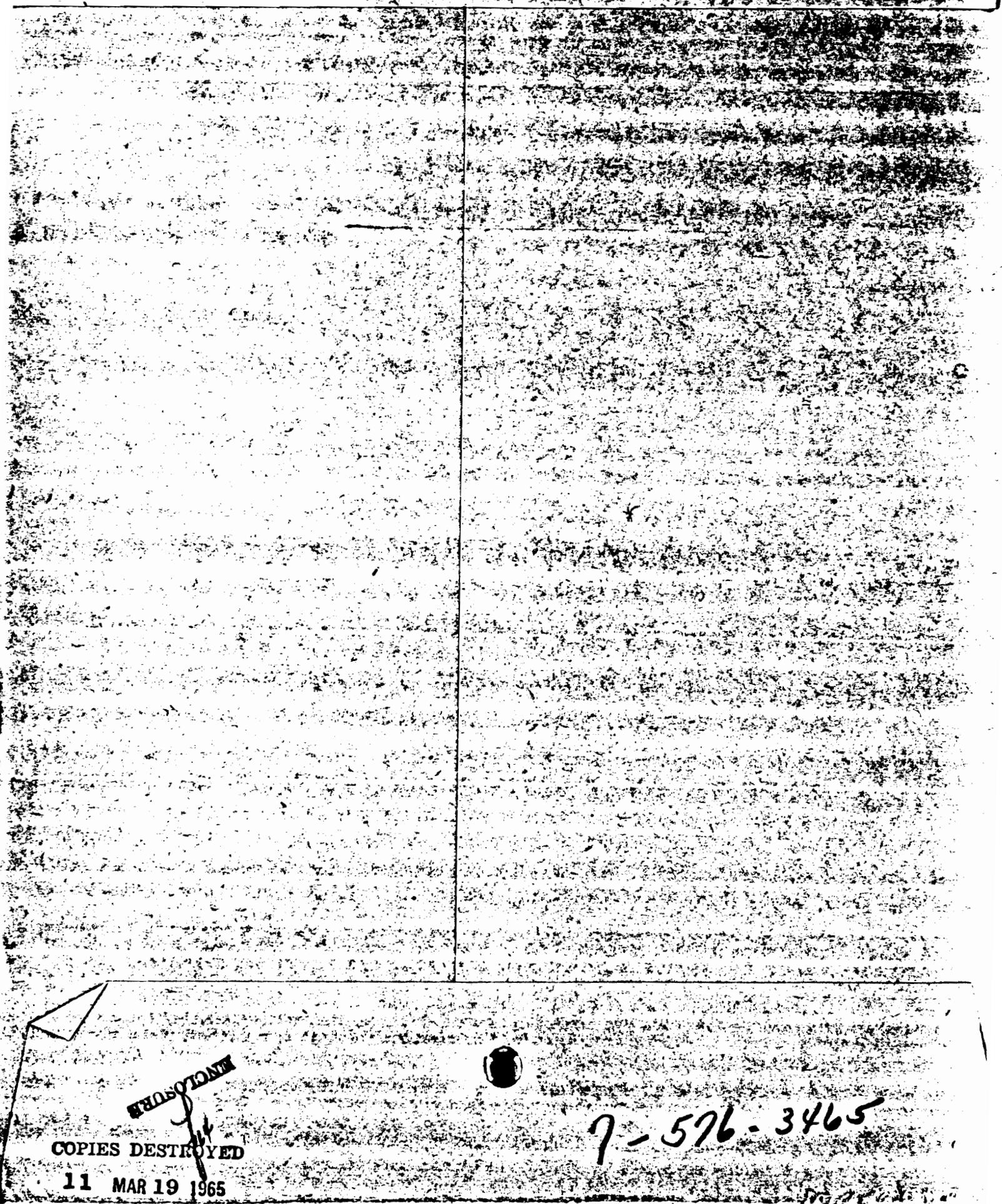
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Special Agent in Charge
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. 1213;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232;
ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - Victim
KIDNAPING Chicago file 7-32

Investigation by Special Agent D. P. Sullivan, of this Office, at Hammond, Indiana, resulted in learning that William J. Harrison and Charles J. Fitzgerald, commonly known as "Big Fitz", who is a known contact of the Barker-Karpis gang, were close friends while both were residing at Hammond, Indiana, and vicinity, during the years 1932 and 1933.

A night club hostess by the name of Dolly Arder of Hammond, Indiana, was a paramour of "Big Fitz". During the period when Arder and Fitzgerald were living together Harrison became acquainted with Dolly Arder, and investigation at Hammond indicates that Willie Harrison became a competitor for the affections of Dolly Arder; that possibly there was some friction at the time between Harrison and Fitzgerald due to this. Harrison is alleged to have lived with Dolly Arder during the latter part of 1933 or the first part of 1934 at intervals.

Investigation at Hammond indicates that Dolly Arder is now a night club or tavern hostess at St. Louis, Missouri, at the present time. It is highly probable that she may now be in touch with Harrison, and it is presumed that he will look her up when he comes to St. Louis.

It is suggested that Dolly Arder be located at St. Louis, Missouri, and an attempt be made to locate Harrison through her.

Very truly yours,

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S. P. COWLEY
Inspector

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

November 28, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM *was filed*

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby, I have caused a search of the files of the Identification Unit to be made for a possible record of Dolly Arder. Please be advised that a search of the files, on the basis of the information furnished, fails to disclose any record of this person.

Respectfully,

R. C. Schilder

R. C. Schilder.

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DIRECTOR

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BREKID REFERENCE DIVISION TELEGRAM TODAY REQUESTING IDENTITY E J POWELL APPEARING IN DETROIT OFFICE LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 19, 1934.

JAMES J WILSON ADVISED HE USED THE NAME E J POWELL WHEN HE ACCOMPANIED BERT ANGUS TO JESS J ELLIS MOTOR SALES TOLEDO OHIO LATTER PART OF MAY, 1934, WHEN ANGUS PURCHASED NEW BLACK FOUR-\$994 DELUXE FOR D SEDAN. WILSON STATED ANGUS HAD INJURED HAND AND HE SIGNED FOR CAR USING NAME E J POWELL. THAT HE LATER SAW THIS CAR BEING DRIVEN BY SUBJECT VOLNEY DAVIS BUT DID NOT KNOW AT TIME ANGUS WAS PURCHASING THIS CAR FOR DAVIS

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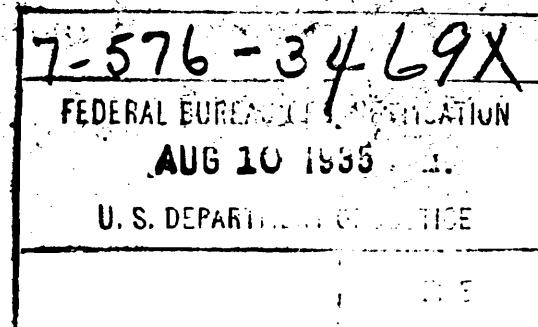
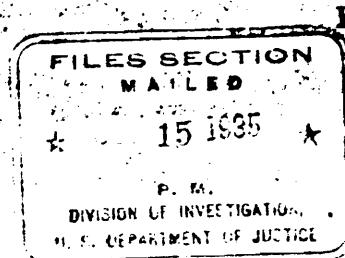
During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Stanley, I was questioned as to how we happened to get Mrs. Nelson.

I stated that we had been covering every possible location we could; that is, dozens of houses and gang haunts; and finally found her at this one place. We surrounded the place with twelve men and went in and took her. I stated that no one knew anything about it with the exception of the people in that house and they were relatives of hers and wouldn't dare talk; and that not even all of our Chicago Office knew about it; that we had just spirited her away and were questioning her; that it happened about midnight; and that up to the present time we had been unable to make her talk. I stated we are trying very hard to make her talk, and think we will be successful shortly. I stated that she had been with Nelson ever since he got out of that Dillinger scrape; that she was one of those ladies who was paroled; that she went with Nelson to the West Coast, and what we wanted to do was to make her confess everything and we could then probably take in fifteen or twenty people who helped Nelson since he made his get-a-way. I further stated that Mrs. Nelson told us that the man who was with them during the gun fight was named "George" and we thought she was lying about it and also several other things. She said that they didn't go near a Catholic Priest with Nelson but of course we have the proof that they did. I stated that we knew what she did and we knew that the man who was with her shot our men while he was lying on the ground dying.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Baughman.....
Chief Clerk.....
Mr. Coffey 1 copy
Mr. Cowley.....
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Mr. Schilder.....
Mr. Tamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....



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1331 First Nat'l. Bank Bldg.,
El Paso, Texas,
November 23, 1934.

ccy
Motor Vehicle Department,
Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases 10 1218.
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases 10 1219.
RUSSELL GIBSON, with alias 10 1215.
DR. JOS. P. MORAN, with aliases, 10 1232
et al.
EDW. GEO. BREMER - Victim, Kidnapping.

Gentlemen:

In connection with an important kidnapping case this Division is endeavoring to apprehend persons driving a 1934 model, black Ford V-8 sedan, carrying motor No. 599,565, Ohio license plates No. C-35-282 for 1934, registered in the name of E. J. POWELL. Please advise whether there is any record of this car having been re-registered in New Mexico for the current year and also kindly place a stop card against the above motor number and in the event the car is offered for registration in the future, kindly advise this office at once by telephone, collect, to Main 501, El Paso, Texas.

In the same case, we are endeavoring to locate a 1934 Chevrolet Club sedan carrying motor No. 4,545,654, serial No. 1 M - 0,748,387, carrying 1934 Ohio license plates No. E 74,238, issued to E. J. MORLEY. Kindly take similar action with respect to the Chevrolet above described.

Your cooperation in this connection will be very much appreciated and your reply may be enclosed in the attached addressed envelope without postage.

Very truly yours,

R. H. Colvin,
Special Agent in Charge.

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Division,
St. Paul
Chicago
Detroit
E.J. House, Supt. N.M. Motor Patrol,
Santa Fe, N.M.

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
1616 Federal Reserve
Bank Building
Kansas City, Missouri

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November 30, 1934

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Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.C. #1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.C. #1219
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.C. #1213
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,
I.C. #1232 - ET AL
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - Victim
KIDNAPING

Kindly refer to Division letter directed to the St. Paul Office in the above-captioned case under date of November 27, 1934, with reference to various unidentified latent prints in the instant case. Referring to the fragmentary print of questionable value developed on an automobile window handle, which was submitted to the Division by this office, and described by this office in letter to the Division dated September 27, 1934, the Division's attention is respectfully invited to page 30 of the report of Special Agent M. C. Spear, dated at Kansas City, Missouri, September 27, 1934, in the instant case. It is noted that this handle was taken from the car of one F. Roy Powell, of Walworth, Wisconsin, who was forced at the point of a gun by unknown individuals to drive his car from Chicago to Kansas City, Missouri, on September 19, 1934. Although there was nothing at the time to definitely indicate that Mr. Powell's abductors were members of the Karpis-Barker gang or the Dillinger gang, it was thought practicable to have the latent print found on this car handle compared against fingerprints of known associates of the Karpis-Barker and Dillinger gangs, in order that if it was found that the latent print was that of a member of one of those gangs, further appropriate investigation could be made in this vicinity looking towards their apprehension. However, as it appeared from Division letter dated October 4 that this latent print was not that of one of the members of these two gangs, no

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further investigation was deemed advisable in an endeavor to ascertain the identity of the individual whose latent print was found. Accordingly, it would appear that this unidentified latent print should possibly be removed from the unidentified files of the Division, as no further investigation is contemplated in that matter.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan
R. B. NATHAN
Special Agent in Charge

MCS:bn
7-37
cc - Chicago
St. Paul
Detroit

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JEH:HW

November 30, 1934.

Time-12:05 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

During a telephonic conversation with Mr. Ladd of the Chicago Office, I advised him that during the Press Conference held by the Attorney General this morning, one of the reporters asked if it could be arranged for a photo to be taken of the Division's automobile which was in the gun fight with Nelson. I stated that I had seen in the morning papers a picture of Nelson's automobile and I inquired of Mr. Ladd if there were any reason why a picture could not be taken of our car.

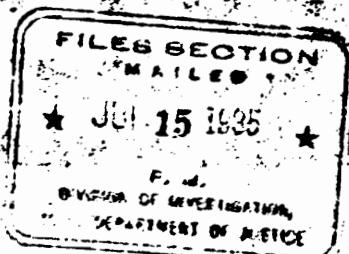
Mr. Ladd stated that there was no reason only that it might advertise the fact that we have about one hundred eighty such cars in use. I remarked that we need not say that our other cars were like this one, and I asked Mr. Ladd where this car was at present. He said it was in the garage with our other cars, at the place where we have our contract.

I told Mr. Ladd that if he received any requests relative to photographing the car, that it was entirely agreeable to me; but that I didn't want any one to pose beside it, although some one should be present at the time the photographs were made; and that this car should be separated from the others in the garage so that no one could know that it was the only make of car which we have.

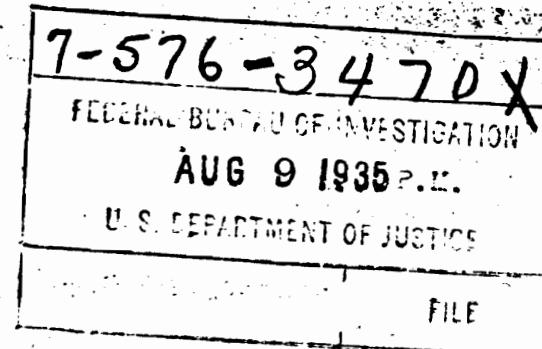
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Mr. Nathan.....
Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. Clegg.....
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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

FILE NO. 7-37

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Kansas City, Mo.	12-1-34	11-28-34	A. E. FARLAND
TITLE: O ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232; RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O. 1213; ET AL EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS or FACTS: Records U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. reflect C. Albert Mead [REDACTED]			
No other record.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent W. K. Bowling, Portland, Oregon, dated 10-23-34.			
DETAILS: At the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, the records were carefully examined for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not anyone named Mead or Mead had been an inmate of that institution from 1909 to 1913, and while an inmate was employed in the tailor shop. The only record on file was that of C. Albert Mead.			
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1 MAR 19 1934 COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: 3 - Division 2 - St. Paul 2 - Portland 1 - Chicago 2 - Kansas City		UNITED STATES DEC 3 1934 A.M.	DEC 8 1934 CHECKED OFF DEC 4 '34 ACCEDED
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U.S. Record on file showing that Mead had
ever been assigned to work in the tailor shop.

The following is description of C. Albert Mead as shown by
the records in the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas:

NAME
REGISTER NO.
COLOR
AGE
HEIGHT
WEIGHT
BUILD
COMPLEXION
HAIR
EYES
MARKS & SCARS

P.P.C.

UNDEVELOPED LEAD:

THE PORTLAND DIVISION OFFICE. Copy of photograph of C. Albert
Mead is being furnished the Portland Office so that same may be exhibited to Lonnie
Golden to see if this is the individual known to him in the penitentiary.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 1, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. Tamm. *was for E.A.J.*

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby, I am transmitting herewith two copies each of abstract of criminal record and photograph, as appearing in the files of the Identification Unit of Mrs. Dorothy Proctor, #1953, Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri.

Respectfully,

L. C. Schilder

L. C. Schilder.

Edw. M. Tamm

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT St. Paul, Minn.

FILE NO. 7-9

REPORT MADE AT: Indianapolis, Ind.	DATE WHEN MADE: 11-30-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 11/28/34	REPORT MADE BY: BLISS MORTON	VLD
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, I.O. #1218, with aliases; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. 1215; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. 1258, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING	
SYNOPSIS or FACTS: Records of the Indiana Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau, do not show registration of Ford DeLuxe V-8 Sedan, Motor #899365, nor Chevrolet Sedan, Motor #4543656. Should the latter car be registered at any time in the future, the Registration Bureau will notify the Indianapolis office.				
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Reference: Letter from the Detroit office to the Chicago Office dated November 19, 1934, copy of which was furnished to all field offices.				
Details: <u>AT INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.</u>				
Agent contacted Mr. R. R. Williamson, Supervisor in the State Automobile Registration Bureau and a search was made for any record on Chevrolet Sedan with Motor #4543656 and Ford DeLuxe Sedan Motor #899365; but no record was found on either. A card was placed in proper sequence in the numerical index of motor numbers in order that the Indianapolis office may be notified if Chevrolet with Motor #4543656 is registered at any time in the future.				
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>H.H. Reneker</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT St. Paul, Minn.

FILE NO. 7-2 FN

REPORT MADE AT: Nashville, Tenn.	DATE WHEN MADE: 11-29-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 10-5-34	REPORT MADE BY: H. F. Small
TITLE: Alvin Karpis, with Aliases: et al. Edward George Bremer - Victim		CHARACTER OF CASE: Kidnapping	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, State of Tennessee, requested to place Flash card on 1934 Ford V-8 Coupe, Motor #181037480.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent D. E. Hall, Detroit, Michigan, dated 9/25/34.</p> <p>DETAILS: AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE</p> <p>On October 5th, 1934, Mrs. Lucille Jarred, clerk at the office of Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, Nashville, Tennessee, informed Agent it would be impossible to check records as to whether a 1934 Ford V-8 Coupe, Motor #181037480 had been registered, because, since July 1, 1934, a new system of filing had been inaugurated and at the present time the records have not been brought to date.</p> <p>Mrs. Jarred has placed a flash card in her files for the above mentioned Ford Coupe and will notify this office immediately if car is registered in State of Tennessee or any attempt is made to register it.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PENDING</p>			
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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>W. A. Toren</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	4-576-3474	RECORDED AND INDEXED DEC 8 1934
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FILE NO. 7-43

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Cincinnati, Ohio	12-1-34	11/26-30/34	E. D. HARRIS
ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. D. #1218; ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. D. #1219; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. D. #1252; RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I. D. #1215, et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - Victim.			
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Russell Husten and Joe Bentley with aliases arrested Cincinnati, Ohio, August 17, 1934, while loitering at Sixth and Vine Sts., were accompanied by an unknown individual who arresting detectives state does not resemble subjects. Husten and Bentley forfeited bond and have not been seen since.			
REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd, St. Paul, Minn. dated November 19, 1934; Division letter dated November 27, 1934.			
DETAILS: <u>AT CINCINNATI, OHIO</u>			
<p>At the Cincinnati, Ohio Police Department, Agent ascertained from Captain Robert L. Dunning, in charge of the Identification Division, that Russell Husten as Robert J. Clark, was arrested on August 17, 1934 by Detectives William Sweeney and Al. Schwach, his Cincinnati Police Number being 29604. Arrested with him, Cincinnati Police Number 29605 was an individual giving the name of Joe Bentley. Both men were charged with loitering and bond was forfeited by both. At the time of arrest, Husten gave his address as the Y.M.C.A., Chicago, Illinois and Bentley gave his address only as Chicago, Illinois. Inasmuch as the offices to which copies of this report are being sent have already been furnished with Husten's photograph and Criminal Record, this record is not being set out herein as no additional record is on file at the Cincinnati Police Department.</p> <p>The individual who gave his name as Joe Bentley is Division File #73186 and his criminal record is, as follows:</p> <p>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>E. J. Connelley</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-3475	RECORDED AND INDEXED: DEC 3 - 1934
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The following notations appear on our records:

Bentley is described, as follows:

Age
Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Complexion
Marks
Fingerprint
Classification

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A copy of a photograph of Bentley is transmitted herewith to the office of origin.

Agent interviewed Detectives William Sweeney and Al Schwach concerning the arrest of these two individuals and they advised that on August 17, 1934 they noticed these two men loitering in the vicinity of Sixth and Vine Sts., Cincinnati and that one of them talked with a third man during the time they were under observation; that apparently they were interested in a jewelry store at the Northwest corner of Sixth and Vine Sts., and it is their belief they were preparing for a hold-up and were sizing up the ground; that after observing them for some time the Detectives placed Huston and Bentley under arrest but could not get all three men together at the same time and therefore did not apprehend the third man. They advised that all of these persons were previously unknown to them and since this arrest they have seen none of them; that Huston and Bentley were represented at the time they made bond, by Attorney Arthur C. Fricke, 800 Broadway, Cincinnati. It should be stated that Attorney Fricke is retained in a great many criminal cases at Cincinnati; this and will not divulge information concerning his clients.

Detectives Sweeney and Schwach reviewed the photographs of subjects in the instant case in the Cincinnati office and advised that the third individual who was with Huston and Bentley does not resemble any of these subjects and they could only describe him as a heavy set man, who was well dressed and wearing a brown suit. They further advised that both Huston and Bentley were well dressed and that Bentley had the appearance of being a "confidence man". They also advised that these men were not armed at the time of the arrest but that they later were informed by a confidential informant that these men had an automobile parked in the vicinity of third and Vine Sts., and that there were guns in this car. This informant, however, was unable to furnish them any additional information as to these individuals, whether they were staying in Cincinnati at the time or whether they had any additional associates.

These Detectives were informed that the Division desires to locate Huston and will cooperate with the Cincinnati office, if this individual should return to Cincinnati, at any time.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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December 1, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMI

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby,
I am transmitting herewith two copies of abstract of
criminal record as appearing in the files of the
Identification Unit of one William Harrison, our file
#727007, who is probably identical with the subject
of Mr. Newby's inquiry.

Respectfully,

Respectfully,
R. Scholten

L. C. Schilder.

Detested
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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
Post Office Drawer 1457
Saint Louis, Missouri
November 24, 1934

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218,
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. #1219,
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I. O. #1213,
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. #1232,
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - Victim.
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 21st instant regarding the above captioned matter where you commented on the delay in investigating certain angles of the above case, please be advised that we have a number of new men at the St. Louis Office, and this case was considered of such importance that I did not feel it was a matter that should be handled by a comparatively new man. I had previously written the Division that Special Agent R. L. Shivers would undertake the investigation of this case. Unfortunately, he was called out of this district on the Stoll kidnaping case, and was recently out of the district assisting Special Agent in Charge Conroy in Arkansas, and on one occasion he was away on subpoena. The fact that no comparatively new agent was assigned to this case is indicative that it did have my earnest attention. In other words, I wanted this matter handled properly, and felt, as recited above, that it was a matter only for an experienced investigator.

This matter has the personal attention of the Special Agent in Charge of this office and also Special Agent Shivers, and same is receiving attention daily. You may rest assured that I have never taken the attitude that this case was one to be handled in merely routine matter. In fact, I considered it so important that I deemed it good policy to not let anyone work on it but Agent Shivers and myself, except in rare instances.

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Very truly yours, BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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R. E. VETTERL
Special Agent in Charge

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BEHN HIGHLAND PARK ILLINOIS OBSERVED DARK COLORED BUICK SEDAN TRUNK ON REAR BEARING THIS YEARS NEW YORK LICENSE PLATES LAST THREE NUMBERS BEING 337 ON SKOKIE BOULEVARD TODAY PROCEEDING DIRECTION OF CHICAGO. ONE MAN DRIVING CAR, TWO MEN AND ONE WOMAN IN REAR SEAT. MAN IN REAR SEAT HAD MACHINE GUN IN LAP AND OTHER WAS CLEANING AN AUTOMATIC PISTOL. BEHN IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH OF WILLIE HARRISON AS DRIVER AND HARRY CAMPBELL AS ONE OF THE MEN IN REAR SEAT. AGENTS CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION KNOWN HANGOUTS OF KARPIS BARKER GANG IN CHICAGO AND VICINITY.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.
(Name and address of Contributor)

Date November 3, 1934.

Mr. J. E. Hoover,
Director, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Following are the dispositions of cases on which
fingerprints have been mailed to the National Division of
Identification and Information:

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Identification and Information to report dispositions of cases
in which prints were forwarded previously. Dispositions include
such information as advice relative to sentences imposed, fines,
discharges from custody, etc. Several cases may be listed on
each sheet.

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Very truly yours, <i>D. M. Ladd</i>	7-576
D. M. LADD, Special Agent in Charge (Official Title)	DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois

Date November 16, 1934

Mr. J. E. Hoover,
Director, Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Following are the dispositions of cases on which fingerprints have been mailed to the Bureau of Investigation:

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Very truly yours,	7-576
<i>S. P. Cowley</i>	DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
S. P. COWLEY	NOV 19 1964 A.M.
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P. O. BOX 536
Los Angeles, California

November 28, 1934

Henry F. Briggs
Postmaster
Los Angeles, California

Re: U. S. File #7-42

Dear Sir:

This office is very desirous of receiving
information relative to the parties who may be
using the address 145 South Main Street, Los Angeles.

Will you please cover on the most
all parties receiving mail at these two addresses for a
period of thirty days and furnish this office with
a full report.

Thanking you, I remain

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNN
Special Agent in Charge

JGP/EL

Alvin Karpis, w. a. - I.O. #1218; et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - Victim.
Kidnaping.

cc Division

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C O P Y

P. O. BOX 536
Los Angeles, California

November 28, 1934

Henry B. B. Briggs
Postmaster
Los Angeles, California

L.A. File #742

Dear Sir:

In view of my intention to place a cover on the mail of Wyatt Winters at 2823 North Vine Street, please be advised that it was my intention at the time of writing the former letter that a cover should be placed on mail of this party for a period of thirty days.

Thanking you, I remain

Very truly yours,

J. E. P. DUNN
Special Agent In Charge

JGP/EL

Alvin Karpis, w. a. - I.O. #1218; et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
Kidnapping

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United States Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice

working for the

JOHN F. GAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

5:50 P.M.

November 30, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Waters telephoned from Pittsburgh relative to a lead in the Bremer case received from the Chicago Office. This lead requested that the races at Charlestown, West Virginia be checked to ascertain whether William Harrison and other associates of the Barker-Karpis Gang might be attending the races. Mr. Waters ascertained that the racing season at Charlestown will extend from December 1, 1934 to December 15, 1934. He has no Agents in that vicinity at the present time and pointed out that Charlestown is a considerable distance from Pittsburgh, while it is only a couple of hours drive from Washington, D.C., and suggested that in the interest of economy an Agent from the Washington field office make this periodic check. I advised Mr. Waters that arrangements would be made for the Washington Field Office to do this.

I telephoned Mr. Stein at the Washington Field Office relative to this matter and instructed that an Agent make a periodic check at the Charlestown race track, in accordance with the suggestion from the Chicago Division Office, Mr. Stein having advised that the Washington Field Office file contained information concerning this requested investigation.

Respectfully,

W. A. Smith

W. A. Smith

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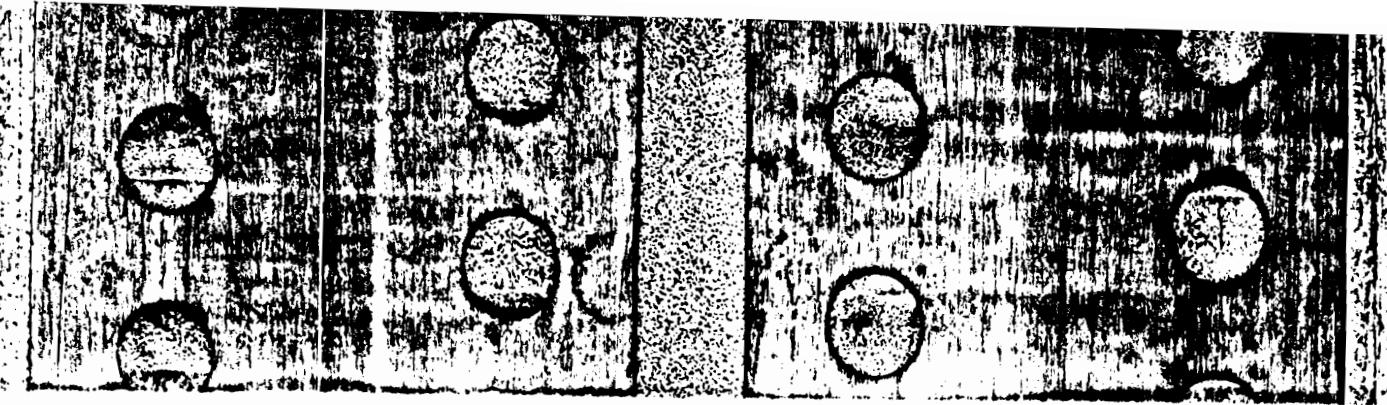
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DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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December 1, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Nathan
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Mr. Harbo
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Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Schilder
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy

Time - 11:50 a.m.

Special Agent in Charge Fay of the New York office telephoned to advise of an inquiry received by him from the New York Journal Post, a Hearst newspaper, with respect to one McBride who has reported to have been in conference with the writer yesterday at Washington relative to the matter of assisting in the apprehension of members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Mr. Fay stated that McBride had been sent to New York by Mr. Fitzgerald, managing or city editor of the Washington Herald. I furnished Mr. Fay briefly with the background of McBride, telling him of the experiences the Chicago and Detroit offices have had with him in the past, and the fact that McBride had obtained money from the Chicago Herald and Examiner, and the Chicago American under similar circumstances. I also advised Mr. Fay that in my opinion McBride can, if he will, furnish valuable information with respect to the whereabouts of the Barker-Karpis gang, inasmuch as he was a cellmate at the Kansas State Penitentiary of both Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis. A memorandum covering my interview with McBride yesterday is being prepared, setting forth in a general way all the information I was able to obtain from him.

Mr. Fay informed me that he would advise the New York Journal Post that the Division took the position McBride cannot obtain any information concerning the whereabouts of the gang in such a way that McBride in an effort to show the Division up will produce results in cooperation with the newspaper and at the same time arrangements are to be made with the newspaper to keep the Division informed respecting the activity of McBride.

McBride has a lengthy criminal record in the Identification Unit of the Division, reflecting some fourteen arrests in the Middle West and the far West, and his Division number is 21103.

Respectfully,
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R. E. Newby.

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December 1, 1934

Time - 1:00 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

Colonel Gates telephoned and wanted to know if we had available an Identification Order on Alvin Karpis; that the "Times" is carrying the story that Karpis is involved in the Kansas City Massacre case. I told the Colonel that for his information, Karpis is not an associate of Nelson and was not involved in the Kansas City case.

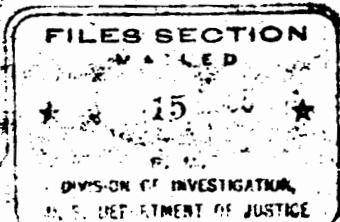
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Very Truly Yours,
Director.

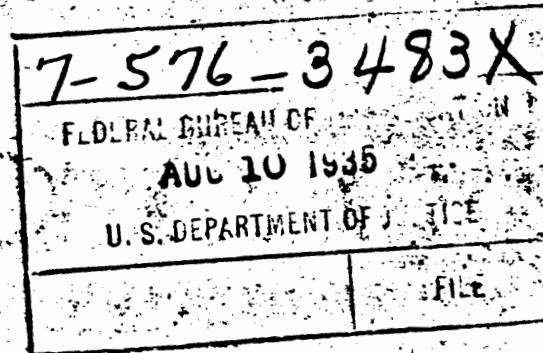
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Room 1403,
370 Lexington Avenue,
New York City

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December 1st, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O.1218; FUGITIVE;
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases I.O.1219,
FUGITIVE; et al -
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from the Chicago office dated June 19, 1934, requesting that a .38 calibre Colt automatic revolver, bearing serial No. 387502 be traced through the Colt factory at Hartford, Connecticut.

Inquiry at the Colt Patent Firearms Manufacturing Company, Hartford, Connecticut, disclosed that the above-mentioned gun was sold to the R. S. Elliott Arms Company, Kansas City, Missouri on January 23, 1933. No further information was available.

Very truly yours,

P. X. FAY,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc: Division
cc: St. Paul
cc: Kansas City

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December 3, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of November 21, 1934, covering the transmittal of one Colt .25 calibre automatic pistol, #327502, and cartridge clip for same in connection with the case entitled Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al; Edward George Bremer, Victim; Kidnapping.

Several fragmentary latent prints were developed on the cartridge clip, but they do not provide sufficient characteristic detail to be of any value. No latent impressions appear on the pistol.

You will be separately advised as to the result of a ballistics examination.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CHICAGO

Chambers of
Judge James H. Wilkerson

November 19, 1934

Honorable Homer Cummings,
The Attorney General,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

I am in receipt of your letter
of November 15, 1934, relative to Commis-
sioner Edwin K. Walker.

I am surprised that the Commis-
sioner should have been indiscreet in
this matter, and will take it up along
the lines you suggest at the first op-
portunity.

With kind regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

James H. Wilkerson,
(Signed)

Colonel P. Bremner

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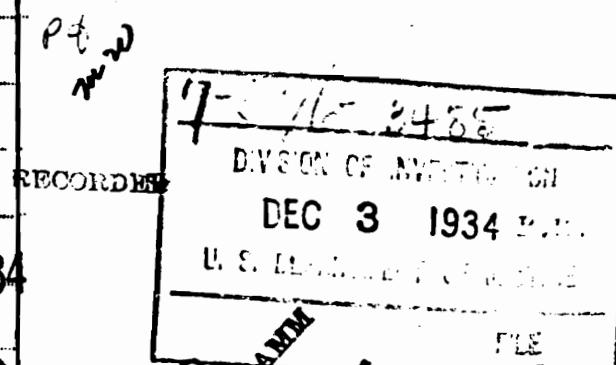
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THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
To
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Mr. Schilder.....
Mr. Hamm.....
Mr. Tracy.....

The Attorney General.....
The Solicitor General.....
Assistant Attorney General Stephens.....
Assistant Attorney General Keenan.....
Assistant Attorney General Wideman.....
Assistant Attorney General Sweeney.....
Assistant Attorney General Blair.....
Assistant Solicitor General MacLean.....
Mr. Stewart, Administrative Assistant.....
Mr. Hoover, Director of Investigation ✓
Mr. Bates, Director, Bureau of Prisons.....
Mr. McMahon.....
Mr. Carusi.....
Mr. Suydam.....
Mr. Beardslee.....
Mr. Holtzoff.....
Mr. Gardner, General Agent and Chief Clerk.....
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November 30, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
MR. WILLIAM STANLEY.

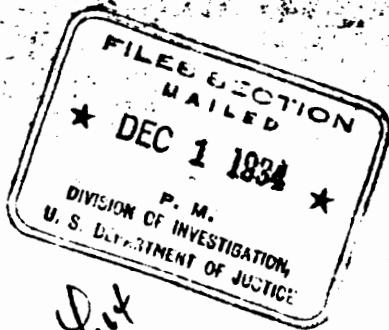
I am returning herewith the letter dated November 19, 1934, addressed to the Honorable Homer Cummings, Attorney General, Washington, D. C., from United States Judge James E. Wilkerson, Chicago, Illinois. The letter concerns United States Commissioner Edwin K. Walker.

I have noted the contents of the same.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

Inclosure No. 818859.



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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December 3, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

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Mr. Tracy

Please be informed that Mr. Carusi telephoned on December 1st and wanted to know whether Karpis was being sought in connection with the Kansas City Massacre case.

I informed him that an identification had been issued on this individual and that from the information set forth in the Identification Order he was wanted in connection with the Bremer Kidnapping Case.

Respectfully,

T. D. Quinn

T. D. Quinn.

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1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

December 5, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1616
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1229
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232, et al
Edward George Bremer - Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Relative to the above entitled case there is being transmitted herewith, a photograph of one Herman Stiles. It is requested that the Chicago Division Office make six additional copies of this photograph, forwarding two to the El Paso Division Office, two to the Oklahoma City Division Office and two to this Office.

It is suggested that the Oklahoma City Division Office, as soon as a copy of this photograph is received, exhibit same to informed [redacted] in order to ascertain whether he can identify same as any individual known by him and further check his story.

Very truly yours,

R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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D. W. MAGEE
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

BREKID RETEL ARTHUR BARKER LOCATED GREENVILLE MISSISSIPPI INVESTIGATION
EAST CHICAGO INDIANA INDICATES ARTHUR BARKER ABOUT THREE MONTHS AGO
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CONNELLEY



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U. S. Department of Justice

1616 FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

December 3, 1934

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

In Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. #1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O. #1219
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. #1232, et al
Edward George Bremer - Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Relative to the above entitled case it is requested that the Identification Unit of the Division endeavor to ascertain whether or not there is a criminal record on file against one Herman Stiles whose description is given below. Stiles was arrested August 4, 1932 by the United States Marshal of Kansas for violation of the Federal Prohibition law and was incarcerated in the Sedgwick County Jail, Wichita, Kansas in default of bond and fingerprints were forwarded to the Division about that time:

Name	Herman L. Stiles
Age	35 years
Build	Medium
Height	5' 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Complexion	Medium dark
Hair	Dark Brown
Weight	140 lbs.
Eyes	Brown
F. P. C.	25 W 0 -0 6 R 00 12

If a criminal record is found for this individual, copy of same should be furnished to the offices to whom copy of this letter is being directed.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Nathan [7-576-3487]
R. B. NATHAN
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

DEC 5 1934

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cc - Oklahoma City
El Paso
Chicago
St. Paul

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IDENT. UNIT CMC JR

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December 11, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Kansas City, Missouri,

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1210;
ARTHUR R. MARSH, with aliases, I. O. #1210;
MR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases,
I. O. #1232, et al;
Edward George Bremer - Victim
Kidnapping.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication of December 3, 1934, regarding
HERMAN STILES, there is transmitted herewith a copy of the criminal
record of one Herman Stiles, our File #655268, as reflected by the
fingerprint files of the Division of Investigation, who is probably
identical with the person concerning whom you inquire.

In compliance with your request copies of the criminal
record of the above individual are being forwarded to the Division
Offices at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, El Paso, Texas, and Saint Paul,
Minnesota. A copy of the criminal record of the above individual is
also being forwarded to Mr. E. J. Connelley, Division of Investigation,
Chicago, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Enclosure #810819

CC - Division Office,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
Division Office,
El Paso, Texas.
Division Office,
" Saint Paul, Minnesota.
Mr. E. J. Connelley,
* DII Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 829,
U. S. DEP Chicago, Illinois.

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No. 1

November 30, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Referring to fingerprints forwarded by you, please be advised that an examination of the fingerprint records of the Division of Investigation fails to disclose any data concerning the following:

✓, Merrill Everett Parker

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Chicago, Ill.
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St. Paul, Minn.
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Very truly yours,



Director.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 1, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Re: Bremer Case

Mr. Nathan
Mr. Tolson
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Baughman
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On November 30, 1934, Mr. Connelley by teletype advised the Division of information received concerning a dark-colored Buick sedan, trunk on rear, bearing this year's New York license plates on Skokie Boulevard, proceeding in the direction of Chicago. It was reported that the man in the rear seat had a machine gun in his lap and that another man in the rear seat was cleaning an automatic pistol. A photograph of Willie Harrison has been identified as the driver in question and one of the men on the rear seat was identified as Harry Campbell. This matter has received the attention of the Chicago office, but no results have been obtained to date.

Investigation by the St. Paul office discloses that one William Weaver, one of the principals of the Barker-Karpis gang, was arrested in St. Paul on August 2, 1932, charged with carrying concealed weapons. He was released on \$500 bail which was arranged by Walter Magee, the contact man in the Bremer kidnaping case. It appears that Magee went the bond of Weaver at the instance of Adolph Bremer, father of the victim. Magee upon interview states that he is not acquainted with Weaver and did not see him at the time of the arrest referred to above.

Special Agents Hurt and Campbell are presently at Miami, Florida, continuing their investigation at that point with a view to obtaining a trace of the Barker-Karpis gang. No other investigative activity was reported during the week.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby.
R. E. Newby.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT St. Paul, Minnesota

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Little Rock, Ark.	11/30/34	10/2-11-13-25/34 11/8-19/34	L. B. Reed J.M.
Name of persons, with aliases, I. O. 1218; Arthur R. Barker, with aliases, I. O. 1219; Russell C. Gibson, with aliases, I. O. 1215; Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases, I. O. 1232; et al.			CHARACTER OF CASE:
			KIDNAPING
Edward George Bremer - VICTIM.			

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Neither Ford Sedan, motor #899365, nor Chevrolet Sedan, motor #4543656, registered in Arkansas. Search of records made at police departments against Division wanted notices. Set of those wanted notices filed at those police departments. Further investigation made in Arkansas for information concerning Phoenix Donald. Information that "Doc" Barker seen at Missouri-Arkansas line disproved. No record of registration in Arkansas of Chevrolet Coupe, motor #4135550.

REFERENCE: Division letter dated October 13, 1934. Report of Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated September 22, 1934. Report of Special Agent R. E. Lawrence, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated October 2, 1934.

DETAILS:

Special Agent M. A. Taylor checked the Division wanted notices, in this case, against the records of the Little Rock, Arkansas, police department for previous arrests, associates, and other data. A set of these wanted notices was furnished the identification officers and properly filed at the Little Rock police department. No records of previous arrests were found, but should any information concerning any of these individuals be received, this Division office will be notified promptly.

The following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent R. L. Malls:

"Reference is made to the temporary Wanted Notices and Identification Orders issued in connection with the instant case.

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1 Kansas City
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"On November 27, 1934, an interview was had with Hugh Connor, Chief of Police, Fort Smith, Arkansas, and, as instructed, copies of the mentioned Wanted Notices and Identification Orders were left with him.

"Hugh Connor stated he had a previous arrest on only one of the persons mentioned, Fred Barker, and nothing on the others or their known associates.

"An indictment was returned against Fred Barker at Fort Smith, Arkansas, on March 5, 1926, charging burglary and grand larceny in connection with the taking of money from the Joy Theatre in Fort Smith. Barker has never been tried and is now a fugitive, having jumped a \$1,000.00 cash bond. Complete information relative to the arrest of Fred Barker is contained in the report of Special Agent in Charge E. E. Sonroy, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated September 22, 1934, same having been previously obtained by Special Agent R. E. Lawrence."

The following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent N. E. Marshall:

"Pursuant to instructions contained in Division letter of October 15, 1934, Special Agent N. E. Marshall contacted W. G. Huffstutler, head of the Identification Bureau of the Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Police Department, for the purpose of causing a search to be made for previous arrests, names or associates and other data, which might be helpful in bringing about the location and apprehension of members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

"A set of wanted notices, reflecting the fingerprints and photographs of individuals who are being sought by the Division in connection with instant case, was furnished Lieut. Huffstutler.

"Lieut. Huffstutler searched the files of the Pine Bluff Police Department for names and aliases, fingerprints and photographs of individuals wanted in connection with this case and advised Agent Marshall that none of the individuals wanted had ever been arrested by the Pine Bluff Police Department, as indicated by their records, and there was no data in the files regarding these individuals.

"Lieut. Huffstutler advised that he had only begun his filing system in April of this year and that it was very incomplete at the present time."

The following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent M. A. Taylor:

"At approximately 9:50 P. M., November 8, 1934, Special Agent M. C. Spear of the Kansas City office telephoned in connection with instant case.

"Agent Spear advised that several days ago, there had been a gun battle in the vicinity of Columbus, Kansas, and since this time, the rumor has sprung up that Fred Barker was involved in this battle with local officers and received a serious injury.

"Agent Spear advised that yesterday while in Joplin, Missouri, (the home of the Barkers), Special Agent W. B. O'Mahoney through an informant had learned that one Bertha Studdard, whose sister-in-law is a former girl friend of old man Barker, placed a telephone call from Neosho, Missouri, (the home of Volney Davis' parents), to Joplin

(possibly #283) in which she advised the party on the other end of the line that her husband's grandmother had died.

"Agent Spear further advised that yesterday morning, 10:25 A. M., Bertha Studdard in Neosho received a telegram from a party by the name of Studdard, initials possibly H. T., at Mountain Home, Arkansas, as follows:

"MOTHER IS DEAD FUNERAL TWO PM OCTOBER EIGHTH"

"Agent Spear also stated that last night at 8:15 P. M., Bertha Studdard had sent a telegraphic message to A. C. Davis, Route 2, Bixby, Oklahoma, as follows:

"COME FATHER IS WORSE"

"In connection with A. C. Davis, Agent Spear advised that the Oklahoma City office had conducted an investigation and Special Agent J. B. Little of the Oklahoma City office had advised that Davis has been suspected in the past of harboring criminals and is believed to be "hot". He advised that Davis formerly attempted to represent himself as a contractor, but it was established that he is not a contractor.

"Agent Spear also advised that he had information to the effect that possibly the funeral in connection with this matter had been held in Harrison, Arkansas, and requested that inquiry be made at both Mountain Home and Harrison, particularly the former place, in order that it might be ascertained whether this was a legitimate funeral.

"As a matter of information in this case, Agent Spear stated that Volney Davis and Edna Murray had been in Oklahoma as late as October of this year, and that Harry Stanley and Mrs. Stanley had recently gone to Pittsburg, Kansas, and thence to Glasgow, Montana.

"Of further interest and perhaps great importance, it may be stated that last night, Agent W. B. O'Mahoney met old man Barker while the latter was returning on the highway toward Joplin.

"In the event it becomes necessary to contact agents of the Kansas City office in an emergency, Special Agents W. B. O'Mahoney and R. P. Shanahan may be reached at the Virginia Hotel in Joplin, Missouri, and Special Agent P. E. Stakem is available at the Ben Franklin Hotel at Springfield, Missouri."

In connection with the above memorandum, the following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent L. M. Chipman:

"Agent called Sheriff Jim Martin, Mountain Home, Arkansas, by telephone, who advised that a Mrs. Studdard, whose first name he thinks is Mary Frances, and who is an elderly lady, was buried at Mountain Home, November 8, 1934. Mary Studdard's husband, whose first name he thinks was Bill, has been dead several years, and there are several children in the family who reside there, but he is not acquainted with them by their first names.

"The above information was communicated to Special Agent M. C. Spear of the Kansas City office by telephone, who stated that this information cleared up the Arkansas angle of his telephone inquiry."

The following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent M. A. Taylor:

"Reference is made to report of Special Agent J. H. Kenney, Omaha, Nebraska, dated October 20, 1934, requesting that a stop order be placed on the Chevrolet Coupe hereinafter described.

"On October 25, 1934, the writer placed a stop order with W. A. Moore, officer in charge, Tag Division, State Revenue Department, Little Rock, Arkansas, on 1934 Master Chevrolet Coupe, motor #4135550, serial #1-DAO-513359. Mr. Moore was furnished with the name of the Special Agent in Charge of this office and with the Little Rock office telephone number, and advised he would communicate with this office if application for license for this car was made.

"Mr. Moore, at agent's request, also searched his present records on the above mentioned Chevrolet Coupe, and advised that no application has been made to date for license for this car."

The following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent N. E. Marshall:

"Pursuant to instructions contained in Division letter of October 13, 1934, special Agent N. E. Marshall contacted Lieut. Cecil Brock, head of the Identification Bureau of the Hot Springs, Arkansas, Police Department, for the purpose of causing a search to be made for previous arrests, names of associates and other data, which might be helpful in bringing about the location and apprehension of members of the Barker-Karpis gang."

"A set of wanted notices, reflecting the fingerprints and photographs of individuals who are being sought by the Division in connection with instant case, was furnished Lieut. Cecil Brock.

"Lieut. Brock searched the files of the Hot Springs Police Department for names and aliases, fingerprints and photographs of individuals wanted in connection with this case and advised Agent Marshall that none of the individuals wanted had ever been arrested by the Hot Springs Police Department and that there was no data in the files regarding these individuals."

The following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent R. E. Lawrence:

"Reference is made to report of Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy, Little Rock, Arkansas, dated September 22, 1934, with particular reference to leads set out for investigation at Mammoth Spring, Salem, and Fulton, Arkansas.

"Agent proceeded to Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, on October 11, 1934, at which time John W. West, Constable, was interviewed with regard to possible information concerning the present whereabouts of Phoenix Donald. The Constable advised that he had held this office for the past twenty years and that he had known Donald since he was a

small boy. He stated that he knew the entire family, as well as the immediate relatives by marriage, and seemed of the opinion that none of these people would be likely to supply any information which would be of assistance in locating Donald. West stated he knew that Phoenix Donald was a "killer" and that he would do everything possible within his jurisdiction to secure information regarding location of Donald. West stated that he had not seen Donald for about two years, to the best of his knowledge. West further expressed his opinion that while the relatives living in Mammoth Spring would probably not harbor Donald, he felt sure that Donald's brother-in-law, Will T. Bowling, of Salem, Arkansas, would harbor him, and that he would probably know of Donald's present whereabouts. West was supplied with the address and telephone number of the Little Rock office, and advised that he would telephone or write immediately upon receipt of any pertinent information.

William Wahlquist, ex-State Senator, from Arkansas, who now publishes "The Democrat", a small newspaper, in Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, stated that he was a personal friend of Phoenix Donald and that Donald had been in his office at least three or four times during the past year. Wahlquist seemed to think that Donald was wanted in connection with the killing of Sheriff Kelly at Westplains, Missouri, and he stated that he supposed the Government had entered into the case by reason of the fact that subject was a fugitive. Agent did not supply Wahlquist with any additional information. After some little discussion, Wahlquist stated that by reason of his long friendship with Phoenix Donald, he wanted him taken alive, and not the "Dillinger" way, and advised that if some assurance could be given that Donald would not be killed, unless, of course, he resisted arrest in some manner, he would be only too willing to do all within his power to learn the exact location of Donald and supply the Little Rock office with this information. Wahlquist stated that he had heard Donald was hiding out in a small cabin in the wood adjoining Ott, Arkansas, which town is located in the extreme northwestern part of Fulton County. He further advised that he felt so positive that Donald was at this location that he had sent him a copy of "The Democrat", issue of October 5, 1934, addressed to W. E. Weaver, care of General Delivery. Wahlquist stated that this particular paper was sent "marked" to draw subject's attention to an article regarding John Dillinger, which article Wahlquist had composed on the subject of criminals and with the idea that they are all eventually apprehended. Agent later conferred with Postmaster E. E. Sterling regarding the mailing of this paper to W. E. Weaver, and was informed that no such paper had gone through the Mammoth Spring Post Office. Sterling advised that he has been watching the outgoing and incoming mail personally since the first of this year, when an agent from the Oklahoma City Division office requested him to do so, and that he had seen no mail which he thought might have come from, or which was addressed to Donald or any of his known aliases.

Wahlquist advised that Ruby Bowling, niece of Phoenix Donald, is now married to Percy Gullic, and that they are residing in Koshkonong, Missouri. Gullic was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Oregon County, Missouri, and will assume office on January 1, 1935. Wahlquist advised that Gullic was a man of excellent reputation, and that it would be very unlikely that he would have any information concerning Donald. Wahlquist also expressed his opinion that Mrs. Gullic would know nothing of Donald's present whereabouts.

Wahlquist advised that O. C. Weather, Clerk of Court of Fulton County, is now deceased. It will be noted that the lead set out regarding Weather is for Fulton,

Arkansas, whereas investigation revealed that he was Clerk of Court at Salem, the County Seat of Fulton County, Arkansas.

Wahlquist further advised that Mrs. W. S. Donald, mother of Phoenix Donald, is dead. While this information is set out in report of P. L. Nicholson, St. Paul, Minnesota, dated August 16, 1934, it was deemed advisable to check information while in Mammoth Spring. Mrs. W. S. Donald died about five years ago, according to information supplied by Wahlquist as well as Postmaster E. E. Sterling.

Wahlquist seemed positive that he could learn the exact location of Phoenix Donald through W. T. Bowling, at Salem, Arkansas, and requested agent not to interview Bowling. Wahlquist went to Salem on October 12, 1934, at which time he interviewed Bowling. He advised upon his return that Bowling apparently had no knowledge regarding Donald having resided in the northwestern part of Fulton County, Arkansas, and that he stated he did not know Donald's present whereabouts. He further stated that Bowling would have supplied him with the information if he had known, by reason of the fact that Bowling knows that Wahlquist is Donald's personal friend.

From the general investigation conducted in Mammoth Spring, agent feels positive that Wahlquist knows considerably more than he will relate concerning Donald. However Wahlquist seems to think that Donald will soon be apprehended, since the Department of Justice is working on the case, and may supply information in order that Donald may be taken alive.

Agent is skeptical about Wahlquist, but other people in Mammoth Spring, Arkansas, who know him, state that although he is friendly with Donald and although he is a hard drinker, he has always been honest and they have always found him to be true to his word. Agent supplied Wahlquist with the address and telephone number of the Little Rock office upon the promise that he would supply whatever information secured.

Wiley Thornton, nephew of Donald, was interviewed with Mrs. Nellie Frazier, sister of Donald, at the Frazier home, two miles northeast of Mammoth Spring, in a community known as East Mammoth Spring, Missouri. Both of these persons denied having any information concerning Donald. Mrs. Frazier stated that she had not seen her brother, Phoenix, since the day of the killing of Sheriff Kelly at Westplains, Missouri. She stated that a raid was conducted at her home at the address given, on the night following the shooting at Westplains, and that her brother, Phoenix, fled out the back door, and that she had not seen him since that time.

Mrs. Frazier stated she would be glad to have her brother apprehended to answer the Westplains charge, as she had a perfect alibi for him, and that she felt sure he could be cleared of the charge. She was supplied with no information regarding Donald's connection with Breckinridge file. In reply to the question as to whether Phoenix was in the military service of the United States during the World War, Mrs. Frazier stated he had worked in a munitions factory in San Francisco and that he was not drafted into the Army, by reason of this occupation.

It is the general opinion of people in Mammoth Spring, including the Postmaster, that Phoenix Donald is supplying his sister, Mrs. Frazier, with funds, as she has no known income and always appears to have money to provide her needs. The Post-

master states, however, that she lives very meagerly, and that she probably does not need more than \$15.00 or \$25.00 per month to supply her needs.

Riley Thornton stated he had nothing to add to the information supplied by Mrs. Frazier, and that he likewise had not seen Phoenix Donald since the Westplains affair. Riley Thornton lives at the Frazier home and has no steady work. He frequently works in a local meat market on Saturdays.

Investigation reveals that C. C. Pressly, former President of the Citizens Bank in Mammoth Spring, had left Mammoth Spring some time ago, possibly a year or more, and that he was thought to be in some mercantile business in Jonesboro, Arkansas. His exact address could not be determined. It is deemed very unlikely, from the investigation conducted at Mammoth Spring, that Pressly would be in a position to supply any information regarding Donald.

E. E. Sterling, Postmaster at Mammoth Spring, advises that he has been watching for information concerning the location of Phoenix Donald since the first of 1934, when he was interviewed by an agent of the Division from the Oklahoma City office. Sterling stated that he is the Adjutant of the American Legion Post in Mammoth Spring, and that he personally knew that Donald was not an ex-service man and, therefore, was not entitled to membership in the Legion. Sterling also advised that from his knowledge of Bowling, no information could be secured through him, but that he felt positive Bowling would know of the present location of Donald.

Sterling advises that Donald frequently came to him to have his monthly parole papers signed when he was out of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, and that some time prior to the Bremer kidnaping case, Donald came into the clothing store, which Sterling managed, to be measured for a suit of clothes. Sterling advised that when he measured Donald, he observed that subject was carrying two .45 automatic pistols. He states that he advised Donald at this time that he could not sign his parole papers if he was going to carry guns, and that after this incident Donald never requested him to sign his monthly report. Sterling further advised that although he had known that Donald was without funds, that just prior to the Bremer kidnaping, subject made a large purchase of clothing, including expensive hosiery and kid gloves. Sterling stated that Donald always wore kid gloves and that he was a fastidious dresser.

Sterling was again requested to watch all incoming and outgoing mail and to notify the Little Rock Division office in case any information of a pertinent nature was secured. Sterling expressed his willingness to cooperate.

[REDACTED] a resident of Mammoth Spring, stated that he has been a friend of Phoenix Donald all of his life, but that he had heard of numerous shootings which he thought might be connected with Donald, and that inasmuch as he knew him personally, he felt he was an exceedingly dangerous man; and that for this reason alone, he would be glad to assist in any way possible to effect his apprehension. [REDACTED] stated that he would only supply what information he could secure, with the absolute understanding that his name was not mentioned, and that he wanted no reward for whatever information he could get.

[REDACTED] and has been residing in [REDACTED]

Mammoth Spring all of his life, where he apparently enjoys a good reputation. [REDACTED] stated that he feels positive that Phoenix Donald has been coming to Mammoth Spring, not only to see his sister, but also to see Kelly Sluder, an old friend, who is suffering from tuberculosis. Sluder lives with Oscar Smith and family in a small house within one hundred yards of the Frazier home, previously mentioned. [REDACTED] advises that Donald came to the Smith home within the past two weeks and that he believes the exact date of his last visit was Saturday, October 6, 1934. [REDACTED] is personally acquainted with Sluder, and he also frequently visits the Sluder home. He stated that he will see Sluder again within the next few days, and that he will probably be able to get the exact date of Donald's next visit to the Sluder home. [REDACTED] was supplied with the address and telephone number of the Little Rock office. He stated that, in compliance with request of agent, he would telephone in any information requiring immediate action and would write in case he secured the information far enough in advance.

"After supplying agent with this information, [REDACTED] stated that he regretted having done so, as he had never informed on another person in his life, but that since he had promised, he would make every effort to fulfill the promise, but again requested that every possible effort be made to keep his name completely out of the picture. From his attitude at the time of interviews, agent feels that [REDACTED] will be able to supply some valuable information, and it was deemed inadvisable to make further inquiry at Mammoth Spring or vicinity until [REDACTED] has been given the opportunity to produce."

The following memorandum was submitted by Special Agent R. E. Lawrence:

"On October 2, 1934, at 11:00 A. M., while in the office of Sheriff George Maples, at Bentonville, Arkansas, Frank B. Chandler, Special Investigator for the Prosecuting Attorney's office, Pineville, Missouri, came in with three eye witnesses and the information that "Doc" Barker, subject in this case, had been seen on two occasions on the day previous, at the State Line Tavern and Service Station. This tavern is located on the Missouri-Arkansas line, at the point where Arkansas Highway #100 meets Missouri Highway #88.

"Chandler had in his possession Division Identification Order #1219, of the subject Arthur R. "Doc" Barker, which he stated had been positively identified as the man who appeared at the State Line Tavern on two occasions on October 1, 1934.

"Gerald Brock, Merle Johnson, and Roy Fields, all employees at the State Line Tavern and Filling Station, stated there was no question in their minds about the identification.

"Agent secured descriptions of the person they observed, and noted that each described the person thought to be "Doc" Barker as being somewhat taller than his actual height. However, their positive identification, coupled with information from Chandler that he had heard numerous rumors that the Barkers were in that vicinity, seemed to justify further investigation.

"After securing all possible information from the witnesses above named, agent proceeded to Pineville, Missouri, and interviewed Sheriff R. L. Vansandt and Deputy Sheriff C. E. Brock of McDonald County, Missouri. These men had no positive

additional information, but stated that they would do everything possible to assist and would make an effort to secure additional information.

"Agent returned to the State Line Service Station, and while en route, observed a maroon colored Chevrolet car bearing Oklahoma license plates parked on the west side of Missouri Highway #88, just two miles north of the state line. Agent also noticed that there were two women standing beside this car, while two men were seen to leave the east side of the road, walking toward a creek which is within about two hundred feet of the road. It was further noted, in passing, that one of these men had a high forehead and bore a faint resemblance to the photographs of Arthur Barker.

"Upon arriving at the State Line Tavern, agent was informed that "Doc" Barker had again been in the station with a taller man and two women, and that they had just left, going north on Highway #88 (Missouri) in a maroon colored Chevrolet Coach bearing Oklahoma license plates.

"Agent recalled having seen this car parked, and accompanied by Frank B. Chandler and Roy Fields, returned immediately to the above mentioned parked car. The man, upon returning to the road, were positively identified as the ones previously reported by Fields and the other station attendants and previously identified as "Doc" Barker and companion.

"These people proved to be Mr. and Mrs. Earl Seelig, 522 North Fifth Street, Rogers, Arkansas, and their friends, Raymond C. Hall and sister from Edmond, Oklahoma, who were visiting with Seelig and his wife.

"These people carried positive identification and were observed to bear absolutely no resemblance to the Barkers.

"Raymond C. Hall is six feet, one and one-half inches tall; very blond, light blue eyes, and has very light complexion.

"Earl Seelig is five feet, eleven inches tall; dark complected; has some Indian blood; high cheek bones; dark brown sunken eyes; and black hair.

"Agent made satisfactory explanation to Mr. and Mrs. Seelig, Mr. Hall, and Miss Hall."

With reference to the letter dated November 19, 1934, from the Detroit office to the Chicago office, the State Revenue Bureau, Automobile Registration Division, Little Rock, Arkansas, has advised that no record could be located of Ford Sedan, motor #899365, or Chevrolet Sedan, motor #4543656.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The Little Rock office will again review its file in this case for leads.

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ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O.1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases, I.O.1219
RUSSELL GIBSON with aliases, I.O.1213
DR. JOSEPH MORAN with aliases, I.O.1232
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of November 20th from the Chicago Office, which which was enclosed a photograph of WILLIAM J. HARRISON, Hammond Police Department No. 1829.

In connection therewith you are advised that I was telegraphically informed by the Chief of Police at Charles Town, W. Va. on November 30th that the races in that city would start December 1, and continue until December 15, 1934.

Inasmuch as Charles Town, W. Va. is at a remote distance from the Pittsburgh Office and in view of the fact that there are no Agents near that city, which is a comparatively close distance to Washington, D. C., I telephonically discussed the possibility of the lead set forth in the letter of November 20th being covered by the Washington Field Office. Mr. Smith advised that if this office was not notified it could be assumed that the Washington Field Office would cover the lead referred to. Accordingly, no action will be taken in the matter by this office.

For the information of the Washington Field Office, there is attached hereto a copy of the letter referred to, it being presumed that HARRISON'S photograph is available at the Division.

J.W:IW
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cc:St. Paul
Chicago
Washington Field - encl.

Very truly yours,

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

November 8, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

At the suggestion of Mr. Newby there are being transmitted herewith for retention in his office photostatic copies of the work sheets of the fingerprint expert recording his progress in connection with comparisons of latent fingerprints in the Bremer Case with the fingerprints of various suspects as indicated.

Respectfully,

E. P. Coffey
E. P. Coffey.

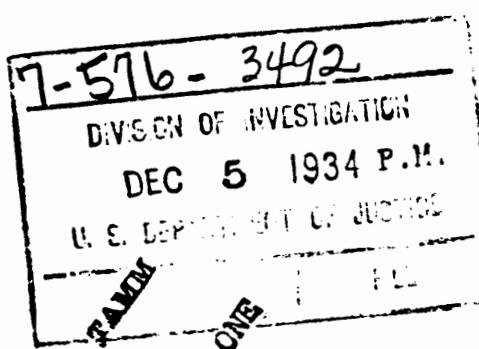
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

FILE NO. 9-4

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	REASON FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Chicago, Illinois	12/4/34	12/5/34	VAL C. ZIMMER
TYPE:	TITLE:		CHARACTER OF OFFENSE:
	UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. ADOLPH BREMER, SR. Victim.		EXTORTION.
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:			
<p>Newspaper advertisement inserted in Chicago Daily Tribune for March 10, 1934, and no further investigative action to be taken in this district.</p> <p>- MUG -</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Letter of Special Agent in Charge Werner Henni, dated at St. Paul, Minn., March 7, 1934; report of Special Agent F. F. Yearsley, St. Louis, Mo., dated March 21, 1934.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: <u>AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.</u></p> <p>Inasmuch as the newspaper advertisement requested in the letter of reference was placed in the Chicago Daily Tribune for Saturday, March 10, 1934, and since no further investigative action has been requested of the Chicago Division Office, this case is being considered as being referred upon completion to the office of origin.</p>			
<p>- REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO OFFICE OF ORIGIN -</p> <p>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</p>			
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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
December 3, 1934



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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Pennsylvania Avenue at Ninth Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

RE: Alvin Karpis with aliases, I. O.
1218; Arthur R. Barker with aliases
I. O. 1219; Russell Gibson with
aliases, I. O. 1213; Dr. Joseph
Moran with aliases, I. O. 1232;
ET AL: Edward George Bremer -
Victim - Kidnapping.

Dear Sir:

Referring to Division telegram of November 27th with
respect to Phoenix/Donald alias Bill Scott, Okla. SP No. 14993,
and Jess Doyle, Okla. SP 11261, please be advised that inquiry
was made by me telephonically of Mr. R. E. Schackelford, Record
Clerk, Oklahoma State Penitentiary, who advised that Phoenix
Donald was received in said institution April 7, 1925 from Creek
County on a charge of murder, sentence life imprisonment and
that he was paroled June 20, 1931, which parole was revoked
August 15, 1932, and that he is now classified as a parole
violator.

Mr. Schackelford informed me that Jess Doyle was re-
ceived in that institution April 21, 1921 from Tulsa County,
Oklahoma, on charge of auto theft, sentence thirteen years,
four months and was released by discharge July 28, 1926.

The Division was advised hereof telegraphically
November 27th.

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Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley
DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT ST. PAUL, MINN.

FILE NO. 7-15

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
NEW ORLEANS	12-8-34	11/27 & 28/34	H. SOROL
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.1218 ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O.1219 RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. 1215 DR. JOSEPH MORAN, with aliases, I.O.1238		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING	
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - VICTIM			
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [REDACTED] informant, stated that he doesn't know the present whereabouts of A. H. Barker; that Barker acts suspicious, travels mostly at night, claims to be broke, constantly guards an old telescope suitcase. Description of A. H. Barker, suspect tallies closely with that of Arthur R. Barker. Informant trying to locate suspect, will communicate information to the New Orleans Division office.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">P.S.</p>			
<p>REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent L. A. Kindell, New Orleans, La., November 17, 1934.</p>			
<p>DETAILS: <u>AT GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI</u></p> <p>On November 27, 1934, [REDACTED], Greenville, Miss., was interviewed. He stated that Arthur H. Barker and Myrtle Barksdale, [REDACTED] came to [REDACTED] at Greenville, Miss., on or about August 15, 1934 at night and talked to him. This was the first time he saw A. H. Barker; [REDACTED] having doesn't know if Myrtle is married to A. H. Barker, or is just living and traveling with him; that Myrtle told him [REDACTED] that they were going to see Mrs. Dixie Smith, [REDACTED] at Yazoo City, Miss.; that about a week or ten days later A. H. Barker and [REDACTED] Myrtle came again to Greenville, Miss.; that he took them to his house for supper. Myrtle told [REDACTED] that they, Barker and Myrtle, were broke and wanted to go to Indiana Harbor, Ill. to turn in the car they were driving; that Arthur H. Barker had been without a</p>			
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job and could not meet the payments on the car. Myrtle asked [redacted] to loan her enough money to get to Indiana Harbor. [redacted] stated that he had no money to loan, but filled the car tank with gasoline and oil.

[redacted] that Myrtle gave him a ring she was wearing in payment for the gas and oil and cash he had loaned her. They left Greenville, Miss., that night, supposedly for Indiana Harbor, Ill. Some few days later [redacted] received a letter from a

Life Insurance Company of Dallas, Texas, [redacted] does not remember the name of the company, advising [redacted] that A. H. Barker had made application for a position as an agent and had given him [redacted] as one of his references. A. H.

Barker gave his address, at the time, at 412 North Main Street, Seminole, Okla.

[redacted] further stated that A. H. Barker [redacted] went to Seminole, Okla., instead of Indiana Harbor, Ill., as they told him; that about 5 or 6 days after

[redacted] had filled the reference blank and mailed it to the Life Insurance

Company at Dallas, Texas, both [redacted] came back to Greenville, Miss., stayed a few hours at [redacted] home, then went to visit

Mrs. Dixie Smith, P. O. Box 337, Yazoo City, Miss. The ranch of Mrs. Dixie Smith is located on the Old Benton Road about 8 miles east of Yazoo City, Miss.; that

[redacted] were driving a 1933 Chevrolet 4 door sedan, color black, bearing 1934 Indiana license 689-489, the car was equipped with General Electric radio. On October 13, 1934 Myrtle wrote a letter to [redacted] from Yazoo City, Miss., wanting him to buy the radio on the car for \$25.00. [redacted] stated that he answered the letter [redacted] that he would take the radio.

but up to this time, November 27, 1934, had received no word [redacted] and does not know their present whereabouts.

[redacted] further advised that he suspected A. H. Barker is wanted somewhere by the law because of his actions; that when Barker came to Greenville, Miss. to see him he came at night and stayed one or two hours and left; that A. H. Barker is carrying a telescope cardboard suitcase which he guards constantly; that when he gets out of the car to go in the house he takes the suitcase with him and does not let any one carry it for him; that while [redacted] visiting Mrs. Dixie Smith at Yazoo City, Miss., they had the suitcase in their room and either Barker or Myrtle were in the room all the time; that the suitcase is big enough to carry a Thompson machine gun.

[redacted] further advised that Myrtle told him that A. H. Barker worked as an agent for some Industrial Life Insurance Company at Indiana Harbor, Ind., or Ill., or Crown Point, Ind.; that Barker worked as an agent for a picture company of Chicago, Ill., traveling through the West and North Western states taking orders to enlarge pictures, he does not know the name of the company; that Barker made a trip to New Orleans, La. and while there he made application for a job with the Standard Coffee Co. of New Orleans.

On November 28, 1934 agent interviewed M. J. Leumas, manager of the personnel department of the Standard Coffee Company, 331 Girod Street, New Orleans. Mr. Leumas searched the files of the personnel and applications pending and advised that he had no record of A. H. Barker ever having made an application for a position with that firm; does not recall the man or recall having ever talked to him.

Ed Harper, deputy sheriff or city detective, Monroe, La., told [redacted] that Barker had served a term in the Louisiana State Penitentiary, but he doesn't know any details of the case.

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The following description of A. H. Barker was given by [REDACTED]

Name: Arthur H. Barker, alias L. H. Barker
Age: 27 to 32
Height: 5'4 1/2"
Weight: 115 to 120
Build: Small; very short from waist up; long legs
Hair: Apparently dyed blonde
Complexion: Fair
Eyes: Dark Brown
Race: American
Scars: Cut scar 1/2" long between eye brows
Peculiarities: High forehead; no moles on either side of face

Arrangements were made by this agent with [REDACTED] and ascertain the present whereabouts of A. H. Barker. ADVISED Sam S. Valenecilo, Police Sergeant, Greenville, Miss., who will communicate the information to the New Orleans Division office.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE: At Seminole, Oklahoma, is requested to make proper investigation at 412 N. Main Street, Seminole, Okla.

THE CHICAGO OFFICE: Is requested to check the 1934 Indiana license #389-489 ascertain to whom was issued; for what make of automobile.

THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE: At Greenville, Miss., will keep in contact with informant and Sam S. Valenecilo, Sergeant, Police Department.

At Monroe, Louisiana, will contact Ed Harper, Police Department, and ascertain all information possible concerning A. H. Barker and his present whereabouts.

P E N D I N G

ADDENDUM: Special Agent in Charge, D. W. Images:

Photograph of A. H. Barker so favors subject Arthur R. Barker's Associated Press newspaper photo that intensive investigation will be made by the New Orleans Division office on this case. The small snapshot photo of suspect Barker was secured from album of [REDACTED] Myrtle Barksdale, by informant [REDACTED] and given to informant Sergeant Sam Valenecilo who transmitted it to the Division before it was retransmitted to New Orleans. It has been reported to have been taken in 1932 or 1933.

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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I. O. #1218; ARTHUR B. BARKER, with aliases, I. O. #1219; RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I. O. #1213; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. #1232;		CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING.	
<p>ET AL.</p> <p>EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.</p> <p>SYNOPSIS or FACTS:</p> <p>Byron Barron, St. Louis, Missouri, not identical with Byron Bolton, Rev. James Osteira, who was reported to Canadian officers as being identical with Joseph P. Moran is a well known resident of Champaign, Illinois. Identity of person who wrote to Radio Station WLS, 1704 Schaeffer St., St. Paul, Minn., from Rushville, Ill., unknown. Harry Sawyer could not be identified there. Byron Bolton has not been fingerprinted or arrested by police authorities, at St. Louis, Missouri and Springfield, Illinois. Frank Diaz, Springfield, Ill., who knew Fred Goetz, states that latter and Bolton were close friends, and claims he has not seen or heard from Bolton for over four years. Bolton's sister-in-law, Springfield, Ill., disclaims knowledge of his whereabouts. Special Agent W. L. Buchanan is now rooming at the residence next door to the William J. Harrison home, the father of Willie Harrison, whose location is desired in this case. He has obtained information that this man was in St. Louis, Missouri, October 31, 1934, and is expected back during the Christmas holidays.</p>			
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REFERENCE: Letters from Chicago Office, dated 11/12, 14/34; letter from Detroit Office to Chicago Office, dated 11/19/34; letter from St. Paul Office, dated 11/16/34; report of Special Agent R. L. Shivers, St. Louis, Missouri, dated 11/15/34.

DETAILS:

At St. Louis, Missouri.

Investigation at St. Louis, Missouri, disclosed that the Byron Barron residing at 382 N. Taylor Avenue, Apartment 4, is not identical with Byron Bolton. This information was transmitted to the Chicago Office by telegram, dated November 16, 1934. It will be remembered that information is contained in the reference report of the writer, which was obtained from the Postmaster at Thayer, Illinois, that Byron Barron might be identical with Bolton. It was found that Barron had been residing at the aforesaid address continuously for the past year and has been employed by one of the bus companies in St. Louis, Missouri.

There was transmitted to the St. Louis Office with the Chicago letter of reference, dated November 12, 1934, a copy of a communication sent by the Division to the Chicago Office November 10, 1934, with which was enclosed copies of a letter, dated October 31, 1934, addressed to the Attorney General by R. Walter Moore, Assistant Secretary of State, transmitting a dispatch of the American Consulate General at Halifax, Nova Scotia, dated October 23, 1934, respecting the possible identity of one James Ostema with Dr. Joseph P. Moran, #1232. Information contained in the correspondence just referred to was to the effect that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police made inquiries concerning Ostema, who stated that his home is 1212 West Park Street, Champaign, Illinois, where he is well known to the Mayor of that city. Investigation at Champaign, Illinois, disclosed that the Rev. James Ostema is listed in the City Directory as residing at 1212 West Park Street and in the Telephone Directory as having telephone number 4574. Inquiry of G. E. Baron, proprietor of the hotel at Champaign, Illinois, revealed that the Rev. Ostema has been residing in that city with his family for the past four years, where he is well known as a Evangelist; that prior to that time, he was in Metamora, Illinois and has been identified in Baptist religious circles in the state for a number of years.

Mrs. James Ostema, on being interviewed by the writer, stated that her husband is now in Kingstown, Nova Scotia, where he is connected with the Independent Baptist College and will remain there under contract for a period of one year. She further advised the writer that her husband had communicated the information to her that he had been suspected by the Canadian authorities as being identical with Dr. Joseph P. Moran, and that he had referred the Canadian authorities who interrogated him to any resident of Champaign, Illinois for information relative to his identity. Mrs. Ostema presented for the writer's inspection, if any, photographs of her husband and it was observed that there is but little, if any, resemblance to Dr. Joseph P. Moran.

The automobile described in the reference letter from the Detroit Office to the Chicago Office, dated November 19, 1934, as Chevrolet Club Sedan, motor #4543656, Serial #1-DA-0749267, has not been registered in the State of Illinois. It will be observed in the reference letter just mentioned that on August 4, 1934, a bill of sale was filed by the Robison Chevrolet Company of Toledo, Ohio, with the County Clerk, Lucas County, Toledo, Ohio, reflecting the sale, on August 3, 1934, to H. J. Morley, 332 Summit Street, Toledo, Ohio.

There was transmitted to the St. Louis Office with the St. Paul letter of reference, a tracing from the mail of Mrs. Emily Gordon, 4904 Schaeffer Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, which was taken from a letter mailed to her November 13, 1934 at Rushville, Illinois, which bore the return address of the New Schuyler Hotel, Rushville, Illinois. It was thought by the St. Paul Office that this letter have been mailed by Harry Sawyer, a subject in this case, whose residence is desired by the Division. Rushville, Illinois is a city of about 2300 inhabitants. Inquiry at the New Schuyler Hotel disclosed that no person by the name of Harry Sawyer, under that name or his aliases, had registered at that hotel at any time since November 1, 1934. The photograph of Sawyer was presented to the Clerk and Manager of the Hotel, who were unable to identify it as any guest who had ever been there. Most of the guests who were registered at the hotel from November 10 to 30, were known to the employees at the hotel. The names of those who were not known gave no indication that they may have been identical with Sawyer. It was stated by the employees at the hotel that, in all probability, the letter may have been written by a transient who stopped at the hotel without registering, as a number of tourists stopped at the hotel for meals, without remaining over night. At the telephone office in Rushville, all long distance telephone calls, for the period from November 10 to November 16, were checked without finding a call made by Sawyer, under his own name or aliases, and it was further found that no call was made during that period from Rushville to St. Paul, Minnesota. At the telegraph office of the Burlington Railroad, which handles all Western Union Telegrams received and dispatched from Rushville, it was learned that no persons had sent a telegram during the period named, to a Mrs. Emily Gordon and that no person by the name of Sawyer, with aliases, had received a telegram. Photograph of Sawyer was presented to all persons interviewed and to the Sheriff's Office in Rushville and no one could be found who was able to identify it as that of any person who had been seen in the City.

It was ascertained at the Post Office in Rushville that no person by the name of Harry Sawyer, with aliases, had received or called for mail. His photograph could not be identified by employees at the Post Office as that of any person who had ever called for mail at the General Delivery. All registered mail dispatched from the Post Office during the period of from November 1 to November 28 was checked, without finding a letter or package addressed to Mrs. Emily Gordon.

Photostatic copy of the fingerprints of Byron Bolton, transmitted to the St. Louis Office of the Division, has been checked against the prints on file at the St. Louis, Missouri Police Department and the Springfield, Illinois Police Department, without finding a record of this man's arrest at either place. Chief of Police J. Jessburg, Springfield, Illinois, stated that so far as he can recall, Bolton was never arrested by his department and that he has been on the force for the last twenty-five years; that if he were arrested, he was not fingerprinted at that time.

With further reference to Bolton and the report of the writer rendered at St. Louis, Missouri on November 13, 1934, Frank Diaz, his former partner in the you-drive-it business in Springfield, and who now operates a saloon at 111 North Fifth Street was interviewed. When Diaz was first contacted, he was asked how long he had known George Ziegler. He stated that he had never known him by that name until after he was killed in Chicago in March, this year; that he had known him under the name of George Goetz; that he had been acquainted with Goetz over a period of four or five years, seeing him at intervals during that time; that he first met Goetz through Bolton and on being asked who Bolton was, he stated that he was a man with whom he had formerly been in the you-drive-it business in Springfield, Illinois; that Bolton and he had been good friends for a number of years; that some time before 1926, Bolton had gone to Albuquerque, New Mexico for his health, as it had been found that he was suffering from tuberculosis; that he returned to Springfield, Illinois some time in 1927, with the idea of going into the rent a car business. He stated that Bolton persuaded him to go into that business with him and that they operated in Springfield, Illinois for a year or more; that Bolton sold out his interest to a man by the name of Twichell in Springfield and left there around the first part of 1928 and went to Chicago; that shortly afterwards, he returned to Springfield with George Goetz; that he and Goetz set up a still in Springfield, which was operated for them by some local man; that the still had only been operating for a short period when it was found and destroyed by the Sheriff; that Bolton and Goetz then left Springfield and went back to Chicago, where they became engaged in the alcohol racket. Diaz stated that Goetz continued to come to Springfield at intervals and, apparently, for the purpose of disposing of alcohol. He stated that he was not one of Goetz' customers and was interested with him in the operation of the still. Questioned as to when he saw Goetz last, Diaz stated that it was a short time before he was killed in Chicago; that Goetz and his wife, or his supposed wife, whose name was Irene, came by his saloon one day a few weeks before Goetz was killed and informed him that they were on their way to St. Louis. Diaz stated that Goetz and his wife remained at his saloon for probably an hour and had several drinks; that Goetz endeavored to get him to accompany them to St. Louis, but that he declined, stating to Goetz that he did not have the money on which to make the trip, whereupon Goetz offered to lend him the money and told him that he could pay it back when he got ready. Diaz stated that he

did not accompany them to St. Louis and did not know where they stayed in St. Louis, and was not aware of the purpose of their visit. Prior to the last occasion on which he saw Goetz, he stated that he had seen him at intervals over the entire period that he had known him, but had never been with him out of Springfield, Illinois. Agents endeavored to give Diaz the impression that he was interested in Goetz' activity a few months prior to his death and then asked him if Bolton were still in town. He stated that he had not seen Bolton since he left Springfield, after the Sheriff destroyed the still referred to above and had not heard from him; that Bolton is probably avoiding Springfield, as it was well known there that he was sought at the time of the St. Valentine's Massacre in Chicago; that, with the exception of that incident, he knew no trouble in which Bolton had ever been; that there was no "heat" on him in Springfield or elsewhere, unless he was still wanted in connection with the St. Valentine's Massacre. It is not believed that Diaz was aware of the fact that the writer was seeking information relating to Bolton's whereabouts. He furnished information relative to his family history and that of his wife, which is the same as has been previously reported. He stated that he did not know anyone in Springfield who was close to Goetz or who would know any more about him than he did. He stated that Goetz and his wife were alone when they came to Springfield enroute to St. Louis and that Goetz, at that time, made no mention of Bolton. Diaz further stated that a few weeks after Goetz was murdered in Chicago, his wife, Irene, came through Springfield with some man whom he did not know, but whom he described as being tall, well dressed and nice looking. He stated that Irene seemed to be very nervous. He stated that she did not tell him where they had come from or where they were going; that she stopped at the saloon for probably a couple of hours and that while he was not aware of Goetz' activities other than knowing that he had been in the alcoholic line, Irene made no explanation of his murder. He stated that on this occasion, Irene and this man purchased an automobile in Springfield from a used car dealer and that he went with them to the State House to get their license. He stated that he did not know what name was used in the purchase of this car, whether it was purchased in Irene's name or that of the man who was with her; that if this man was introduced to him, he has forgotten the name. Photographs of the Barker Gang, whose names were not disclosed, were presented to Diaz, but he could not recognize any of them as being the person who accompanied Irene on this occasion. He also stated that he had never seen these individuals and as stated above, advised that Goetz was not accompanied by anyone except Irene on his visit to Springfield.

Concerning Bolton, Diaz stated that he was a gambler and had worked at a gambling house in Springfield as a dealer; that he was an excellent dealer and can probably get a job at almost any gambling resort.

Agent was advised by Chief of Police J. Jessburg that subsequent to the writer's first contact with him relating to Bolton, he had talked to officers under his command and that one of them had received information that Bolton was probably in hiding on Dale Farrell's houseboat, located on the Illinois River at Browning, Illinois. This information was to the effect that Bolton was on the houseboat during the period he was known to have been in Phoenix, Arizona, nevertheless, the writer, accompanied by Detective Keegan, of the Springfield Police Department, Special Agent E. H. Simons of the St. Louis Office and Sheriff Edwin F. Reichert of Virginia, Illinois, went to Browning and there inspected the houseboat referred to. It is used for hunting parties which usually come out from Chicago, Illinois. Inquiries made of the Postmaster in Browning disclosed that no person answering the description of Bolton had been seen in that vicinity. He was unable to recognize Bolton's photograph. Inquiries made by Sheriff Reichert of the persons known to him revealed Bolton was unknown to Farrell and had not been in that vicinity.

Mrs. E. E. Freeman, 224 East Spruce Street, Springfield, Illinois, the wife of Elmer E. Freeman, a brother of Mrs. Byron Bolton, was interviewed by the writer under the pretext that he was an agent for the Metropolitan Insurance Company, in an effort to ascertain the whereabouts of Mrs. Bolton. Mrs. Freeman stated that she and her husband did not know where Mrs. Bolton is at the present time; that they have not heard from her for approximately three years, the last time being when she and her husband were living in Chicago, Illinois. It will be remembered that this information was previously obtained in interviews with the parents and other relatives of Mrs. Bolton and her husband. Mrs. Freeman's response was not convincing and agent is satisfied that her information was not reliable. A cover is being placed on all mail addressed to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Freeman and results will be reported as received.

With further reference to the efforts of the St. Louis Office to locate Willie Harrison, Special Agent W. L. Buchanan furnished the following memorandum:

Investigations previously conducted by agents of this Division revealed that a Mr. and Mrs. William J. Harrison who live at 4539 Gibson Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, have a son whose name is William Harrison, who is supposed to be living in Chicago, Illinois, and has been reported a companion of Mrs. Kate Barker, a subject in this case. In addition to the above information, it has also been ascertained that this son has recently made several visits to his parent's home in St. Louis. In view of the above circumstances, this agent was instructed, on November 18, 1934, to secure a room in this neighborhood, as close as possible to the Harrison home, for the purpose of securing information as to William Harrison's whereabouts, or any visits he might pay his parents in the near future. Agent secured a room at 4541 Gibson Avenue, the same being next door to the Harrison home. This place is occupied,

and owned, by one George Darkalos, a Greek, who is partially paralyzed and lives with his wife and small son. In addition to the Darkalos family, agent ascertained that there were three other roomers living at this address; that one of these roomers, whose first name is George, about twenty years old, is now working as a caddie at the Algonquin Country Club, near St. Louis, Missouri; that William Harrison has two brothers, Elmer and Donald, who are golf professionals and are also the proprietors of the supply store at this club. Agent deemed it advisable to tell the Darkalos family that he was a rancher from Texas and had recently sold some cattle and was intending to remain in St. Louis for a few weeks' visit. Inasmuch as agent is acquainted with Texas and had his own automobile bearing Texas license plates, it was deemed appropriate to use the above plan in this investigation. The first four days were spent in attempting to gain the friendship of the Darkalos family. On November 24, while in general conversation with Darkalos, he made the following statements: that he knew the Harrison family well; that they had visited in his home quite often and Mr. Harrison was a retired railroad man, now being about eighty years old and was receiving a pension of about \$40.00 per month; that his wife and two sons, Elmer and Donald, who had been formerly married, live with him; that his third son, whose name has not yet been ascertained and who is married, lives a few blocks away. Darkalos further stated he knew the fourth son of the Harrison's, Willie, who lived at Chicago, Illinois; that Willie was the "sport" of the family and seemed to make more money than all the other boys put together; that he traveled all over the world and had made a visit to St. Louis last summer, supposedly from South America by airplane; that on another visit to St. Louis, during the summer, he was driving a Cadillac automobile and accompanied by a blonde woman. Harrison, at that time, told him (Darkalos) that this woman was from Kansas City and was the daughter of a millionaire. Darkalos further stated that Harrison visited his parents on last Halloween night and was here for only one day; that Harrison was a heavy drinker and always came over and said "help" to him when he was in town. On the following day, after the above conversation, agent went for a drive with the Darkalos family and a Mr. Ruddick, who is also a roomer at the Darkalos home and is employed as shipping clerk at the Independent Packing Company, St. Louis, Missouri. In general conversation, Mr. Ruddick mentioned knowing the Harrison family, and he stated he met Willie Harrison in the Darkalos home, but did not know him very well. On November 28, while in general conversation with Darkalos, he stated that he was of the opinion Willie Harrison would not visit his parents on Thanksgiving, but was sure he would be here during the Christmas Holidays and at that time, Darkalos stated he would introduce Harrison to agent and ask him to show this agent the night life of St. Louis. At this time, agent stated his desire to visit Chicago before his return to Texas and requested Darkalos to give him Harrison's

address in Chicago. Darkales stated he did not know his address, but was of the opinion that Harrison was not in Chicago at this time, as he traveled all over the country. It should be noted that agent, on two occasions before this date, was invited and accepted the invitation to have dinner with the Darkales family; also accepted the invitation to have Thanksgiving dinner with them. On November 30, while having coffee with the Darkales family, agent became engaged in general conversation with "George", the above mentioned golf caddie, which later developed in an automobile ride, at which time George stated he was acquainted with Willie Harrison; that Harrison lived in Chicago and was a brick layer. Inasmuch as this was the first conversation had with George, it was deemed inadvisable to question him very closely concerning Harrison, however, after becoming acquainted with George, it is hoped he might possibly furnish more specific information concerning Willie Harrison.

The St. Louis Office is continuing this investigation, with particular attention being paid to the location of Willie Harrison and Byron Bolton.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

December 1, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM.

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Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Daughman	
Chief Clerk	
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Mr. Edwards	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Keith	
Mr. Lester	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Schrader	
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	

There was referred to me from your office a Mr. Shanahan who allegedly had information concerning the Barker-Karpis gang and desired employment as an informant. When Shanahan was introduced to me I immediately recognized him from photographs in the possession of the Division, as being identical with the informant, Harold B. McBride, who had contacted the Chicago Office in the past, and failed to produce the results which he claimed he could produce. This same informant left Chicago and contacted the Detroit Office of the Division, using the name of William Baker, and endeavored to obtain a sum of money from that office, making wild claims as to the manner in which he could bring about the apprehension of members of the Barker-Karpis gang.

Before Shanahan was permitted to make any statement to me I advised him that I was acquainted with him, knew considerable about his activities in the past, and that if he desired to be frank and above board in his discussion with me, I would agree to listen to his proposition.

He stated that he had just arrived in Washington from Daytona Beach, Florida where he has been confined at the Hall Hotel in a room on the second floor, (number of room not remembered) with a bad case of malaria fever; that he was in need of funds; that he realized he had made mistakes in his contacts with the Division heretofore, but now desired to be serious in his dealings in this matter and therefore decided to come to Washington and present the matter to the Attorney General. It is my understanding that Shanahan was referred from the Attorney General's office to the Director's office, and Mr. W. A. Smith brought him to my office. There is not the least doubt in my mind that this individual is well acquainted with Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis; that he served as a cell mate of both of these individuals at the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, and since his release has frequently met them. At the time he was in contact with the Chicago Office it is known that members of the Barker-Karpis gang were in Chicago, and later when he was in contact with the Detroit Office, using another name, members of the Barker-Karpis gang are known to have been in that vicinity from subsequent investigation conducted at Toledo, Ohio and later at Cleveland, Ohio.

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Shanahan now comes from Florida where, from the latest reports, the indications are that the Barker-Karpis gang is in that state. Shanahan was very evasive in answering questions. His method is to relate information about Fred Barker and Karpis which he feels the Division already has a knowledge of, but is very careful in his statements not to disclose any additional information or any information which would indicate the whereabouts of this gang. I explained to Shanahan that all further dealings with him would have to be on this basis: That there would be no advancement of funds, not even transportation; that he would have to first furnish the Division with information indicating the whereabouts of any one of the twenty individuals now being sought in connection with the Bremer kidnaping case; and acting upon that information and positive results obtained, the Division would then consider making advances to him for further information. He declined by stating that he was down and out without any funds; that he desired transportation to Chicago or any other place the Division desired, and \$1,000 to cover expenses. I told him that this was out of the question; that we had too many informants who were willing to cooperate with us and were producing the desired results in accordance with the terms dictated by the Division.

Shanahan stated that he could contact Fred Barker or Alvin Karpis within six hours and requested that an Agent be assigned to accompany him in an automobile, and that he would take them to where they are now located. I refused to accept this proposition, stating that if he intended to establish himself in the confidence of this Division as to the whereabouts of these two individuals, it should be immediately furnished the Division so that appropriate investigation could be conducted. I further informed him that for his own protection I did not want to receive the information from him if, under the circumstances, it would appear that he had furnished the information to this Division. I pointed out that he was in an excellent position to furnish the information without being suspected by members of this gang, inasmuch as he has been with them frequently within the past few months without any apprehensions being effected. He refused to furnish the desired information.

Shanahan remained in my office approximately three hours, from 11:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. and I endeavored in every way to obtain information regarding recent activities of the gang from him, but without success. He was even reluctant to furnish information which would in no way result in the apprehension of these individuals, such as their most recent description as to clothing now being worn by them, automobiles being driven by them, and their women associates. I

exhibited photographs of the gang to him, which photographs did not reflect the names. He quickly identified both Barkers; Alvin Karpis; Volney Davis; Dr. Moran; Russell Gibson, known to him as Slim Grey; Jess Doyle; and Willie Harrison. He related at some length his experiences in the Kansas State Penitentiary while he was a cell mate of both Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis.

Shanahan claims that he is originally from Springfield, Massachusetts, but the fourteen times he has been arrested, according to the records of the Identification Unit, show that his activities have been confined in the middle west and far east. With respect to his being from Springfield, Massachusetts, I asked if he was acquainted with an individual whom I know to be from that town, and it appears that he was well acquainted with him in such a way as to indicate that his statement in this respect is authentic.

In response to my inquiry as to what the contact in Cleveland was for this gang, he stated that it was a speakeasy located in the vicinity of the Hollenden Hotel, which is reached by proceeding one block east of the hotel, turning left, and is located in the middle of the block, the place of assembly being in the rear of this speakeasy. He was very indefinite in his information on this place.

Shanahan left by stating that he was proceeding on to New York and that he would probably spend Christmas in Springfield, Massachusetts where his relatives by the name of Bombard reside, Shanahan's true name being Frederick James Bombard.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

December 1, 1934

Director,
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases IO 1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases IO 1219;
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases IO 1213;
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases IO 1232,
et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.
KIDNAPING - Chicago file No. 7-82.

This is to advise that on November 23, 1934, Special Agent J. L. Madala of this office interviewed Oliver A. Berg, alias Ollie Berg, alias Izzy, at the Illinois State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois, where he is serving a sentence for the remainder of his natural life for robbery with a gun.

Among other things Ollie Berg advised that Dr. Joseph P. Moran, one of the subjects in this case, performed operations on the ~~fingertips~~ of Arthur "Doc" Barker, Volney Davis, and Harry Campbell at Toledo, Ohio, and Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis in Chicago, in an attempt to obliterate their fingerprint impressions. He stated that Dr. Moran also performed surgical operations on the faces of "Doc" Barker and Volney Davis in an attempt to change their facial characteristics somewhat; that in this connection he lifted their faces by removing a long strip of skin from each cheek below the ears. Berg stated that Dr. Moran also did some cutting on the noses of "Doc" Barker and Volney Davis, but he was unable to furnish the exact description of the work performed thereon. He advised that both "Doc" Barker and Volney Davis were greatly dissatisfied with the work done on their faces as it did not change their appearance to any noticeable degree.

Jimmy Wilson, formerly an assistant to Dr. Moran and who was previously interviewed by this office, was reinterviewed by Special Agent Madala on November 20, 1934, at his home in Spring Valley, Illinois. He reiterated the fact that Dr. Moran performed operations on the finger-tips of Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis in Chicago during March of this year; that in this connection Dr. Moran lacerated their fingertips three layers deep to the cutis layer in a crisscross fashion. [REDACTED] stated that Dr. Moran also performed a surgical operation on the face of Alvin Karpis in an attempt to change his facial characteristics; that in doing so he removed a large strip of skin from each cheek below the ears and also from his nose; that these incisions left a very noticeable scar in the places where cut. [REDACTED]

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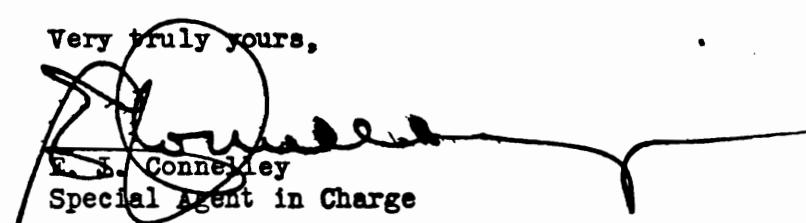
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Jimmy Wilson expressed the opinion that the fact that Dr. Moran cut the skin three layers deep on the fingertips of Karpis and Fred Barker, that this condition will prevent the reformation of any ridges. Wilson corroborated the information of Ollie Berg to the effect that similar fingertip operations were also performed on the fingertips of "Doc" Barker, Volney Davis and Harry Campbell. He stated, however, that in the three latter cases only the epidermis layer was removed. He further advised that Volney Davis appeared to have some knowledge of this type of work in view of the fact that Davis more or less directed Dr. Moran on these operations, describing to him just what he wanted done to his fingertips.

Jimmy Wilson also advised that in his opinion the facial operations performed on "Doc" Barker and Volney Davis did not change their characteristics in any noted degree. He stated in this connection that the incisions merely left scars which appear to be very prominent.

Further information provided by Jimmy Wilson revealed that Dr. Moran received \$300 for each fingertip and facial operation performed on "Doc" Barker, Volney Davis and Harry Campbell in Toledo, Ohio; that to his recollection he received approximately double that amount for the work on Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis in Chicago.

With further reference to the compensation received by Dr. Moran for these operations, Ollie Berg advised that Dr. Moran obtained \$750 for the operations on Fred Barker and Alvin Karpis.

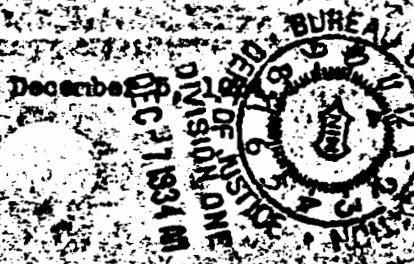
Very truly yours,

E. J. Connelley
Special Agent in Charge

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735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Pa.



Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Ill.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases, I.O. #1219
RUSSELL GIBSON, with aliases, I.O. #1213
DR. JOS. P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O. #1232
Et Al. EDWARD GEORGE BREWER-Victim

Kidnapping

Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of November 10, 1934 as to telephone number-Alleghany 5161, Philadelphia, Pa., it was ascertained by Special Agent J.L. Fallon that this number is listed under the name of J.M. Niele, 246 N. Simpson Street, Philadelphia.

Agent Fallon has been covering this residence for the past few days and no activity whatsoever as to Harry "Dutch" Sawyer has been noted.

Unless this office is instructed as to an open interview with the party Niele, no further action will be taken in the premises.

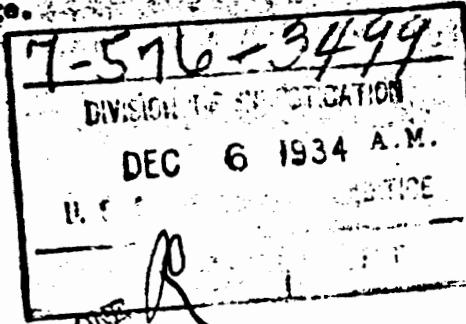
Very truly yours,

R.G. Harvey,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice,
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Date December 7, 1934.

Mr. J. E. Hoover, Director,
U. S. Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Following are the dispositions of cases on which fingerprints have been mailed to the U. S. Bureau of Investigation:

Print Name and Alias Disposition
Number

This form to be submitted to the U. S. Bureau of Investigation to report dispositions of cases in which prints were forwarded previously. Dispositions include such information as advice relative to sentences imposed, fines, discharges from custody, etc. Several cases may be listed on each sheet.

Very truly yours,	1-576
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P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

December 6, 1934



Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Building,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O. #1218;
Arthur R. Barker, with aliases, I.O. #1219;
Dr. Joseph P. Moran, with aliases, I.O. #1238;
Russell Gibson, with aliases, I.O. #1215; et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER, Victim. KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-50

My office has received a tracing of an air mail letter addressed to MRS. BILL GORDON, 1704 Schaeffer Street, St. Paul, Minnesota, an alleged contact for members of the KARPIS-BARKER gang, which letter bears no return address except a printing on the envelope of the Alamo Plaza Tourist Apartments. This letter is postmarked at Fort Worth, Texas, December 1, 1934, at 7:30 P.M.

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of St. Paul, Minnesota, an informant in this case, who is acquainted with MRS. GORDON, HARRY SAWYER, MYRTLE EATON, and others, has stated that MYRTLE EATON and WILLIAM WEAVER, both of whom are referred to in Division Bulletin #41, Fiscal Year 1935, First Series, at the time they left St. Paul some months ago, are alleged to have gone to Fort Worth, Texas.

I am enclosing photographs of MYRTLE EATON and WILLIAM WEAVER for assistance in such investigation as may be possible from the above information.

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Very truly yours,

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D. [Signature]
Special Agent in Charge.

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